



Spring...An awakening of new life and new growth

Horizon House opens in Niagara

Official opening and dedication services for Horizon House — Niagara, located in Welland, Ont., was held April 29. The Christian home for mentally retarded persons is operated by Christian Horizons, an interdenominational organization with headquarters in Waterloo, Ont.

The Welland home has facilities for eight persons, along with a resident staff. Some 150 persons from as far away as Florida and Vancouver, B.C. attended the opening. A service of dedication was held outside on the front lawn and featured Christian Horizons president, Dr. Gordon Bergman as well as evangelist Rev. Jim Reeves, past president of the association.

There was a lot of involvement by members of the Christian Reformed community. A number attended the open house and have been active as volunteers to prepare the house for the official opening. Even the cookies at the open house "tasted" Christian Reformed!

Following the opening ceremonies, there was a business meeting and dinner in a nearby Baptist church

which began by the showing of the film, *Retarded and Beautiful*.

During the business portion, a board of directors of 15 persons was elected. The executive includes Dr. Gordon Bergman, chairman; Murray Spence, vice-chairman; Rev. John Klomps of Hamilton (First) CRC, vice-chairman; Helen Walterhouse, secretary; Rev. John Totafurno, treasurer; and evangelist Rev. Jim Reese as past president.

Christian Horizons was established 13 years ago and has been confined to operating within Ontario but it recently received its Canadian charter and approval for a U.S. charter is coming shortly.

This means that a number of these Christian homes for the mentally retarded will be established across North America. Short-range plans call for the establishment of residences in Leamington, Brampton and Muskoka, Ont., as well as in Michigan.

The membership approved a budget in excess of half a million dollars, some of it coming from government funding and some from donations and bequests.

Christian Horizons was established

Third high school for Peninsula

A third Christian secondary school is planned for the Niagara Peninsula region of Southern Ontario. During a recent membership meeting of Hamilton District Christian High School in Hamilton, Ont., the membership decided to open a new secondary school in the Smithville area, serving the central part of the Peninsula. The school is scheduled to open in September, 1979.

Principal John Top reported on the fast-growing enrollment of the Hamilton school since it opened in 1959. The school began with a small enrollment of 53 students and grew to 230 in 1965. Five years later it had increased to 286 and swelled to 445 students in the current school year. Expected enrollment for the next school year is set at 470, making even the portable classroom facilities overcrowded.

The HDCH membership approved the purchase of property in Smithville for \$65,000 with a further \$600,000 earmarked for construction of a school on the site, one large enough to accommodate 200 students.

The Smithville secondary school will draw its support from the surrounding areas of Wellandport, Grimsby, Fruitland, Dunnville and Smithville. A fundraising campaign will be launched to collect \$500,000 over a three year period.

The Hamilton secondary school will operate on a \$602,000 budget for the next school year. Tuition is based on family income and ranges from \$1,400 to \$2,700 per family. The school offers a diversified curriculum covering basic academic areas, electives in business education, home economics.

The Niagara Peninsula is also served by Beacon Christian High School in St. Catharines which has an enrollment of about 215. The creation of the third school would mean an enrollment of about 200 students per school.

in 1965, deeply concerned for the welfare of retarded people of all ages and ability levels. In addition to providing residential programs, there is an active summer camp program which involves hundreds of children each summer.

Three camping sessions will be held this summer at two different locations, Camp Oak-a-leaf and Bluewater Christian Conference Grounds. Registration for this summer's programs, held during July and August, is almost complete and there are only a few vacancies left at the Bluewater camp.

The success and acceptance of the summer camp program points out the need for such programs and the hopeful establishment of more camps in the future.

There are presently only two homes in operation by Christian Horizons, the one in Welland and the one in Waterloo which opened a year ago. As funding becomes available, more of these Christian homes will be established.

Further information is available by writing Christian Horizons, 17 Union Street East, Waterloo, Ont. N2J 1B5.

focus

Church backs easier divorce

TORONTO (CCP)—A united Church brief supports Law Reform Commission recommendations which would make divorce easier, and also urges federal and provincial governments to establish stronger counselling and support services for families.

While recognizing that both relationships and the institution of marriage are important, the church statement leans towards emphasis on the relationship. "We believe that the institution of marriage is more likely to be protected by supporting and enriching the relationship, than that the relationship is likely to be upheld by strengthening the institution."

It recognizes marriages do fail, that marriage as an institution isn't helped by ignoring that fact, and the "gospel affirms for everyone the possibility of forgiveness and beginning again with new hope, insight and determination."

(The United Church has recommended reform of Canada's divorce laws at several General Councils.)

Written by the Division of Mission in Canada's marriage guidance council, the statement is a response to a report on family law of the Law Reform Commission of Canada. The church report has been sent to Ron Basford, minister of justice, who will deal with the law reform report, now in pre-bill stage.

The Church council agreed with principles of the report which included: replacing the concept of matrimonial offence with "failure of relationships" as the basis for divorce (the report suggests marriage breakdown as the sole grounds for divorce, conclusively established by the evidence of one spouse); seeking an end to the adversary principle and punitive attitudes to divorce; emphasizing negotiation, counselling and reconciliation procedures provided without cost; bringing all marriage and family matters within one family court, based on federal-provincial co-operation.

The Church also emphasizes that the court should encourage separating couples to seek counselling before final decisions are made.

The Rev. Robin Smith, who works in the area of marriage and family living nationally for the United Church, says the council is concerned about the training of counsellors for this kind of service, and hopes the government is prepared to put the money into the program to make it work.

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A look at energy.

Viewpoint

Retarded and beautiful

His name was Dave. He was 29 years old, well dressed in a three-piece gray suit and he was smiling. It was no ordinary smile because he was no ordinary man. He was special.

Dave is among the first of the residents to move into a Christian home for mentally retarded people and his face was beaming as he attended the official opening and dedication of his new home (see page 1).

He appeared as normal as you and I. No unusual features. He was mentally slow...retarded, and his mind was that of a child. He glorified in the presence of his parents who drove north from Florida to be with him, and his grandmother who flew in from Vancouver. Dave showed visitors just where his bedroom was and opened his dresser drawers to boast of his possessions.

Dave was a Christian. He loved the Lord, and now he was living in a Christian home with seven other adults and with a staff of dedicated Christians who lived in the home, too.

It was something new for us as Reformed Christians. We have been busy during the last generation to establish Christian schools at three levels, to get involved in Christian labor, agriculture and politics. But here was a social ministry among special children which God has entrusted to us. It was interdenominational, mainly because these kinds of homes need a broad base of support.

This home will be different from others in the city. The others are humanitarian in nature. This one is spiritual in nature. There is firstly that Christ-like love and affection for His children; whether those children are 8 or 29 or 43 years old. There is also prayer and devotions that add meaning and depth to their lives. There are hymns to be taught and sung and work to be done.

You could easily rename the home a

Christian Nurturing Centre because that is exactly what happens there. Those broken minds are watered and fed with love, affection, the Bible and songs. They are nurtured with Christ-like things so that those minds, as feeble and broken as they are, will be able to proclaim the majesty of God to all the world.

These kinds of homes are needed. There is no question about that. As Reformed Christians we see the need for God in all of our lives. Whenever we turn around we see new challenges which God has placed before us. There is never an end to the amount of involvement which God must have in our lives.

Not so long ago we used to differentiate between "kingdom work" and "ordinary work". It seemed as though ministers, elders, deacons, missionaries were involved in the noble cause of "kingdom work" while the rest of us seemed to toil in vain, carrying out our daily tasks as best we could.

But that is not Reformed. Our whole life is to be lived for God. We are all involved in kingdom work. Workers within the organized church have no monopoly on working and living close to God. We can all experience that each day and we must live close to God in all that we do.

We as Christians must minister to the mentally retarded child as well as to the mentally alert parent. We must practice our Christianity in business, in labor negotiations, behind the plow, in education, wherever we go. That does not mean that we have to wait for an organization to come along before we can proclaim Christ in the area of, say social welfare.

Being a Christ-follower means that we must personally stand up for Jesus, wherever we are and whatever we do.

Keith Knight

by Keith Knight

NewsViews

Quebec with Claude Ryan

Quebec Liberal Leader Claude Ryan will be a strong leader for a party which has gone without a helmsman for some 18 months. In Mr. Ryan, the Liberals have found a man of high personal stature. He reflects authority, honesty and integrity. He is an intellectual, not unlike his federal counterpart, Pierre Trudeau.

Mr. Ryan is a progressive conservative in the truest sense, with equal emphasis on the two words. The Quebec Liberal party is basically small "c" conservative, a role which was carved out for it by former leader and premier, Robert Bourassa, while the Parti Quebecois government adds to its separatist platform by presenting itself as a party of radical reform.

But there are a number of questions about Mr. Ryan's abilities which can only be answered by time. It remains to be seen, first of all, whether the qualities that made him such an outstanding journalist can be translated into the political arena.

The new Liberal leader is an advocate of the "two nations" theory and of special status for Quebec. He wants to restructure the 10 provinces into five regions: while each region would be free to choose from a wide range of federal programs and administer its own policies instead, Quebec would in practice make much more use of this scheme than the others.

The suggestion of restructuring the nation into five regions is both naive and insensitive when it comes from a

man who, as a Quebecker, understands the importance of cultural ties and identifications: residents of Newfoundland or Prince Edward Island would not want to give up their identity any more than would New Brunswick or Nova Scotia.

But if Mr. Ryan eventually becomes premier and his proposals are turned down by the federal government — as they probably will — the danger is that he might well conclude that Confederation has been given its last chance and failed.

So, while the rest of Canada feels safe in the knowledge that the Quebec Liberal party can offer a solid alternative to the separatist cause in the person of Claude Ryan, he too seeks special status for his province.

The PQ victory in 1976, which resulted largely from an anti-Bourassa vote, has increased the awareness of the Quebecois that they indeed need and deserve special status within Confederation. Claude Ryan does not find separatism as the solution to their special needs...at least, not yet. He will no doubt attempt to negotiate with the federal government for some special considerations for Quebec and that is exactly what Premier Rene Levesque is doing right now.

Claude Ryan sees Quebec's future within Canada possible. Rene Levesque sees Quebec's future within Canada as damaging its cultural identity.

Growth in the Lord

by Dr. Jack Fennema

"From Him are all things": (Part II)

Christian Education Acknowledges God As The Source

It is obvious that the philosophy of education that undergirds the Christian school must differ quite drastically from the philosophy of secular humanism found within the non-Christian school. The ontological question of "What is real?", the epistemological question of "What is true?", and the axiological question of "What is good?" are answered quite distinctively by the Christian educator.

A Christian philosophy of education first of all acknowledges God as Sovereign Lord over all; secondly, it shows concern for those things that are spiritual; and, thirdly, it orients its thoughts within an eternal framework (I Corinthians 4:16-18).

Secular humanism, on the other hand, places man in the center of the universe; it shows concern for those things that are material; and, it orients its thought solely within a temporal framework.

Not only does the Christian philosophy of education differ, but the Christian psychology of education differs as well. In addition to being the Source of created reality — the raw material of the curriculum within the Christian school, God is the Creator of the child who is to study and develop that creation. The two, in fact, were made for each other. They fit together, like hand and glove.

The child in the Christian school is acknowledged as a totally religious being, created by design, not by chance, and given the spark of life by the Sovereign God. As a religious being, he possesses an intrinsic desire to worship. Each of his thoughts, words, and actions contains religious

significance. He is either responding in thankfulness and obedience to his Creator, or he is, in essence, worshipping another. The child is also viewed as a creature of the Creator. He is not autonomous. He is dependent rather than independent. And, he is seen as one who is unique, with special talents, characteristics, and traits.

Scripture also states that each child bears the image of God. He is given a task; he is placed in creation; and, he is given the abilities necessary to fulfill the mandate given in Genesis 1:28 "to subdue and to have dominion." The child is to be equipped within the Christian school to carry out his task as a vice-regent responsible for God's creation. The child is guided towards service as a prophet — one who shares the truth with others; as a priest — one who mediates relationships with God, man, and creation; and as a king — one who administers the world that God has created.

But the child is also recognized as one who is a sinner in need of a Savior. All activities of the Christian school orient themselves toward guiding children and young people to a right relationship, first of all, with God, and then with themselves, others, and creation.

In summary, God is acknowledged within the Christian school as the Source and Truth. The child is viewed as a totally religious being. In fact, all of life is seen as being religious. Each thought, attitude, and action is either offered to God in worship or it is offered to a false god. All is "from Him."

In prison ... and she visited me

by Ryan Veeneman

Mr. Veeneman is CRWM missionary to Central America.

Last summer, Ryan was involved in a tragic truck accident on a dangerous mountain road in Central Mexico. Though the accident was not his fault, he was put in jail over the weekend in an isolated town which for years had been hostile to Protestants. There were only a few Protestant Christians in the community, and in this article Ryan tells about one woman and her loving concern for a fellow believer who was in prison.

Guadalupe Hernandez has lived her entire life in those mountains, isolated from the world, and her compassionate face carries the marks of a hard life. Guadalupe lives off a small store that she runs in a room of her humble home. Five years ago, through a contact with a Christian Reformed missionary, she accepted Jesus as her Saviour and Lord. At that time she was given a Bible and Bible dictionary.

The next five years of Guadalupe's life were difficult. She was one of the very few Protestants in a town composed of proud traditional Roman Catholics. Having no Christian fellowship outside her own sons, she faced the difficulties with the strength she found in her small library. The power of the Holy Spirit through those books helped her to face the slander and suspicion of her townsmen, and her kind manner and loving concern witnessed to the truth and power of the Gospel.

When Guadalupe heard that I, a fellow Protestant, had been jailed, she immediately came to find out how she could help. Without a word about her own poverty, Guadalupe brought to my cell delicious home cooking. Her concern and generosity witnessed to the strength of the life which was inside of her.

Guadalupe had heard that Americans only eat white bread with their meals and not the tortillas that are the staple of the Mexican people. Because she had that idea, she brought me a fresh loaf of white bread with every meal instead of the cheaper-priced tortillas. She did everything she could to help me, and her presence changed my stay in jail from being a time of fear and loneliness to a rich experience of the presence and love of God.

When I think back over the years of loneliness Guadalupe must have spent in that town, I praise the Lord for that divine love which breaks down human barriers. While many church members complain that they don't get enough attention from their pastors, and some Christians go off searching for a "friendlier" church, we can learn from a woman like Guadalupe Hernandez to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy in such great measure as we commune with other members of the family of God.

NOTE: Subsequent to writing this article, Ryan Veeneman's wife, Julie was seriously injured in an auto accident in Honduras. We are happy to report that she is recovering satisfactorily from those injuries.

Employ Wanted

Acton: Wilma DeGraaf, R.R. #2 Acton, Ont. L7J 2L8, 17 year old girl looking for a job in a store, small office, factory or farm within Ontario.

Alma: Janet Katerberg, R.R. #2, Alma, Ont. N0B 1A0. Phone 519-638-2260. 18 year old senior high school girl looking for any kind of job in Ontario. I am skilled in secretarial and accounting work. Can begin after school is finished in June.

Ancaster: G. Struiksma, 536 Carluke Rd., Ancaster, Ont. L9G 3L1. Telephone 648-1270. 16 year old girl looking for summer employment in the Hamilton area. Willing to learn.

Barrie: Velma Vander Horst, 40 Anne St. N., Barrie, Ont. L4N 2B6 (705) 726-1259. 19 year old girl is looking for work dealing with children or the elderly. Has references. Previous experience: waitress, domestic help, gardening and S.W.I.M.'er. Willing to do any type of work.

Beamsville: Ed Remy, R.R. #3 Beamsville, telephone 563-8964. Would like summer job on dairy farm.

Beamsville: Aletta VanderPlaat, Box 1157, Beamsville, Ont. L0R 1B0. 18 year old girl looking for factory, office or store job. First year Calvin college.

Blyth: JoAnne Passchier, R.R. #3 Blyth, Ont. N0M 1H0, Phone (519) 523-9538. 19 year old girl, grade 13 student, experience in household tasks, babysitting, mothers' helper, playground supervision, has license.

Bowmanville: Arthur Hlemstra, 104 Concession St. W., Bowmanville, Ont. 17 year old boy looking for outside work, preferably on a farm.

Brantford: Annette DeBoer, R.R. #7, Brantford, Ont. N3T 5L9. Phone: 519-752-8719. First year Dordt College student, experience in a Dutch Store and farm work. Willing to learn.

Burlington: Dave Vander Woerd, 230 Shoreacres Rd., Burlington, Ont. L7L 2H2. Tel. 416-632-2370. High school student is looking for a summer job.

Caistor Centre: Evelyn Struyk, R.R. #3, Caistor Centre, Ont. L0R 1E0. Phone 957-2222. Mohawk College Student is looking for a secretarial job. Available April 17.

Fordwich: Raymond Borg, R. R. #1, Fordwich, Ont. N0G 1V0. Phone (519) 335-3669. A 17 year old student willing to work at anything.

Forest: Fred Wassink, 77 James Street, Forest, Ont. N0N 1J0. Phone: 519-873-4374. I'm an 18 year old student looking for summer employment. I have 3 years experience in framing and trimming homes, but willing to do anything.

Georgetown: Teresa Vanraamsdonk, 448 Delrex Blvd., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4J2, phone (416) 877-1412. 17 year old girl is looking for work, interested mostly in small animals, but will do anything in Ont.

Guelph: Bruce Adema, 196 Edinburgh Rd. S., Guelph, Ont. N1G 2J1 (519) 824-8529. Turning 16 in Sept. 160 lbs., 5'8" tall. Hard worker, willing to do anything anywhere in Ontario. Two years experience in Fish and Chip business.

Guelph: Alisa Bakker, 208 Waverley Dr., Guelph, Ont. Phone: 822-4782. 1st year Calvin College; Age: 21; Available May 23-Aug. 31; Experience: 3 yrs. office work; short-order cook, house & gardening. Areas preferred: London, Stratford, Guelph and Toronto.

Guelph: Peter and Eric Buss, 72 University Ave. W., Guelph, Ont. N1G 1N7. Call collect 519-824-9528. Peter will be 15 in August, has 2 summers experience on dairy farm. Eric is 13. Both would like to work on farms, not necessarily on same one. Money is not main object.

Guelph: Student 22 years old looking for summer work in the construction field. Have 3 years and several summers experience in residential construction. I am presently enrolled in a construction course in the area college. Have my own transportation. 43 Dufferin St., Guelph, Ont. N1H 4A2. Phone 519-824-2092.

Hamilton: Marian Vanden Burg, 87 West 5th St., Hamilton, Ont. L9C 3N5. Phone: 383-4932. I am 17 years old looking for summer employment in the Hamilton area. Willing to work at anything. Experienced babysitter.

Hamilton: Corry Geerts, 278 Sanatorium Rd., Hamilton, Ontario, L9C 2A1. Age 18. Willing to do any type of work. (Need some money for college) Special interest in handicapped children. Has experience in housework, babysitting, janitorial work (2 years), working with handicapped adults and children. Available all summer.

Hamilton: Bill Spoelstra, 217 Sanatorium Rd., Hamilton, Ont. L9C 1Z4. Phone 416-383-6436. 16 year old high school student looking for summer employment.

Hamilton: Harold Wiersma, 89 Malton Dr., Hamilton, Ont. 383-8684. Looking for a job on a farm or construction site.

Huttonville: Jackie Vandenberg, P.O. Box 55, Huttonville, Ont. L0J 2B0. Tel. 416-457-7089. 16 year old student likes summer jobs on a horse farm.

Grand Rapids, MI: James Ward, former leader of ELAN appreciates solo engagements during August. Contact Hans Altena (616) 241-3787.

Islington: Agnes Vandergang, 4649 Dundas St. W., Islington, Ont. M9A 1A4. Phone 233-7452. Available early May-late August, Age: 20, 2nd year Chr. College student. Previous summerwork: Nursing Home, Pine Rest Chr. Hospital, Playschool, Interest: Handicapped Children. Preferred location: Toronto.

Listowel: Diane Hlemstra, R.R. #4, Listowel, Ont. N4W 3G9, phone (519) 591-1111. 18 year old looking for work in London, Ont. area, willing to work at anything.

Mount Hope: Karen Schotsman, R.R. #1, Mount Hope, Ont. Phone: 679-4944. Sales clerk or Office worker (Typing ability 50 words per minute.)

Pine Grove: Corinne Smit, 16 Waymar Heights, Pine Grove, Ont. L0J 1J0. Tel: 416-851-1035. I am a student taking a two year Graphic Art and Advertising course at Humber College. I would like a summer job related to this field.

Ripley: Helene Peet, Box 212, Ripley, Ont. N0G 2R0. 17 year old girl is looking for work, preferably in Western Ontario. I love to work with children, but will take any available job.

St.Catharines: Ray Louter, R.R. #2 Irvine Rd. N., St.Catharines, Ont. L2R 6P8. Phone 934-0695. I'm a 17 year old student going to college next year. I have 2 years part time greenhouse experience but willing to do anything legal.

Sarnia-Mississauga: I am a graduating grade thirteen student looking for employment before entering university. My ambition is to become an elementary school teacher. I would like employment, preferably with children, in either the Sarnia, or Mississauga region. I sincerely hope that you can aid me in my search. Marg Bysma, 230 Capel St., Apt. 104, Sarnia, Ont. N7P 7P9.

Smithville: Jack Rintjema, 119 Morgan St., Smithville, Ont. L0R 2A0. Tel: 416-957-3446. 2nd year electronics student seeking work experience in electronics.

Strathroy: Darlene Zwart, 493 Dewan St., Strathroy, Ont. N7G 3C6. Sixteen year old Christian girl seeking summer employment in a summer camp. Have a great interest in recreation and working with people (or any other related job). Able to work from June until September. Phone: 519-245-0454.

Teeswater: Hilda DeBoer, R.R. #2, Teeswater, Ont. N0G 2S0. 16 year old girl will do housework, babysitting, lawn mowing, garden weeding.

Utopia: Jane Borger, R.R. #2 Utopia, Ont. L0M 1T0. Phone (705) 424-9414. 17 year old girl — any type of work.

Wellandport: Alice Spek. General Delivery, Wellandport, Ont. L0R 2J0. Phone 386-6748 or 735-1156. 16 year old girl. Experience in baby-sitting, housekeeping etc., any type of work. Welland area preferred.

Whitby: Jane Hendriks, 86 Garrard Rd., Whitby, Ont. L1N 3K5. I am 16 and am willing to do Day camp, babysitting, store work and waitressing.

Willowdale: Harold Regeling, 151 Wedgewood Dr., Willowdale, Ont. M2M 2H8. Preferably having work in the Willowdale district and will do gardening, store help etc.

Winona: Shirley Knegt, 239 McNeilly Rd., Winona, Ont. Phone 643-1051. 15 year old girl experienced in babysitting and willing to do any other type of work.

job MARKET

For our records would you kindly inform us as soon as you have found a job or summer help through "Job Market." We would like to know if readers are getting results through this service.

Winona: Terry Walma, 285 Winona Rd., Winona, Ont. Ph. 643-1889. Graphic Designer. Employment sought: Commercial art, Graphic design, Printing House.

Woodstock: Richard Aiblas, R.R. 5 Woodstock, Ontario N4S 7V9, 467-5452. Age: 18 years old. Would like a job on a dairy farm from half of June to the middle of September. Has plenty of experience since I have lived on a dairy farm all my life.

Edmonton: Jack Miedema, 21 Collier Cres, Hamilton, Ont. L9C 3S7. Telephone 416-389-3072. 16 year old boy would like any kind of summer job close to Edmonton or B.C. Would require room and board.

Lacombe: Calvin student, male 21 needs a job in the Lacombe-Red Deer area for the summer. Can start after Victoria Day. please reply to: Box 567, Lacombe, Alta. T0C 1S0 or 1815 Horton S.E., Grand Rapids, 49507.

Vauxhall: Clara VanderGaast, Box 750, Vauxhall, Alta. T0K 2K0. 16 year old student able to cook, housekeep, take care of kids, and can type or do some accounting. Can begin right after school is finished in June.

Dollard des Ormeaux: Andy Geleynse, 13 Mercier, Dollard des Ormeaux, P.Q. H9A 1H4. Phone: 514-684-7895. 16 year old high school student likes summer job in Ontario on dairy farm.

Truro, N.S.: 56 Farham Rd., Truro, N.S. B2N 2X8. I am 17 years old, would be able to start July 1st. Preferably on a dairy or beef farm.

Help Wanted

Hamilton: George de Boer, R.R. #1 Jerseyville, Hamilton, Ont. L0R 1R0. Phone 648-1547 looking for a student over 16 years old for work on a dairy farm, for June through August. Milking experience preferred.

Thousand Islands: Ivy Lea Inn Ltd., Thousand Islands Parkway, Lansdowne, Ont. Needed: 2-3 waitresses, plus one boy for ground maintenance. Call Burlington, 1-634-8144 or Thousand Islands 1-613-659-2329.

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Church Page

Next five years are crucial for Edmonton

The development of the Christian Reformed community in Edmonton, one of the largest in Canada, is an interesting happening to watch. How and in what ways it comes out of it's immigrant-mentality is a fascinating thing to watch and participate in. Will the Lord preserve us as the true Church-community in the decades to come? Some of the developments in the next five years will greatly influence us for the next fifty years, I suspect. The next five years will see much re-alignment of membership in the churches and the likely emergence of perhaps four new churches. One can almost feel the interest and vitality in these matters. I sense something of a pioneer spirit in our midst.

A major development, aside from the formation of churches, which will have it's own impact on the total community, is the beginning of the King's College on or off the U of A campus. This school of higher learning will undoubtedly influence the C.R. community greatly. There will be an influx of highly educated leaders and the input of hundreds of students, of marriageable age, will not go unnoticed. What a blessing and stimulus such an institution can be! Also, what a potential danger! We need to be much in prayer for this undertaking.

A recent beginning was made by the Association of Christian businessmen. Our businessmen are seeking out God's way for commerce. The intent is not just to have fellowship, but to actively engage in searching out the truth of doing business Christianly, and as such to be a witness to Edmonton. We wish them well in this much-needed work.

The Association for the Mentally Handicapped, Rehoboth, recently bought a farm-like property outside of Stony Plain. They plan to train and instruct in a Christian environment some of our handicapped people. One can only admire such dedication. Our involvement in the Pastoral Institute of Edmonton continues, but likely will need re-evaluation during this time. Perhaps a realignment is necessary here too.

Christian involvement in Education, Labour, Politics and Farming is steadily growing in Edmonton. The next half decade will likely see these efforts prosper. Our involvement in Missions also continues via the Chaplaincy and local evangelism. What a responsible time for the believer to be alive and part of God's work in this city and province. We can only give him the glory!

Pastor Stienstra
Edmonton

Emmanuel Reformed Church history

When the Reformed Church began to work in Oxford County, the first center was at Burford. At that time Mr. C.M. Eelman was the leader, and 64 names were on the list, including both members, adherents, children and persons contacted.

It soon became necessary to have another center in the city of Woodstock. Rev. Clarence H. Schipper became a Missionary Pastor sent by the Board of Domestic Missions of the R.C.A. He began to preach in a Hall of the New St. Paul's Anglican Church on

Dundas Street, and later on, a tiny group of people worshipped together in a Hall on Finkle Street.

On Saturday, May 7th, 1953, the Emmanuel Reformed Church of Woodstock was officially organized by the Classis of Passaic, but in 1962, we joined the new Classis of Ontario. The first consistory was composed of Elders J. Heeg, T. Hoekema, J. Mensink, Deacons M. Dorat, M. Tichelaar and L. Donker.

Rev. Schipper Opmeer succeeded him. He was ordained and installed on July 12, 1960,

and served here till June 1964. The present Pastor, Rev. Cor Bons was installed on November 4, 1964.

Shortly after the Organization, plans were made to build. A lot was purchased on Clarke St. for \$1,090.50, and the first unit of the church was built in 1954. Total cost, including Lot and Furniture was \$18,542.97;

On Easter Sunday, April 14, 1968, we dedicated the second unit of the church. Now the cost had been \$16,750.00.

The third Unit was built a few years later, and the pre-

sent new church was dedicated on Friday, March 14, 1975. Total cost was \$69,784.60.

Since September 1955 English Services have been held. At the moment we have a Service in Dutch on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., and a regular Service in English at 11:00 a.m., with special Evening Services on Easter Sunday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, New Year's Eve and the day of Prayer for Crops and Industry. "Serve the Lord with gladness". Mr. John Spriel Clerk

A movie you should not see

The last few weeks there has been quite a bit of advertising on TV for a movie that is playing in South Western Ontario, entitled *The Late Great Planet Earth*, based on a book under the same title by Hal Lindsey. Now most of the movies that are shown these days are not much good, to say the least. They are filled with sex and violence, and as such they are not building up God's people in holy, Christian living. So, it needs no argumentation that we should not go to see such filth.

But now here comes that movie *The Late Great Planet Earth*, and it is advertised as being based on Biblical facts, on what the Old Testament prophets are supposed to have said about the future of the world. There is the danger that some people will say: what's wrong with a movie like that? Let's go and see it."

If you would go and see it, I'm afraid that you would get all confused by it, even as many of our people got confused and mixed up by the book when that first came out. The book is a bad book, and if the movie is a faithful rendering of the book — and there is no reason why it should not be — then the movie is also a bad movie. Therefore I counsel you not to be swept off your feet; don't be taken in by all the publicity; don't go and see it!

I'll tell you why you should not see it, and why it is a bad book and movie. It almost completely obscures from view our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ, our King who has called us into His service here and now, who demands obedience for His kingship. He is the centre of all of history, and only in relation to Him can we see who and what we are, what our place is in history, and where we and this world are going.

PASTORAL PONDERING

Lindsey completely bypasses our task as Christians in the world today, and in so doing he completely distorts the biblical view of the kingdom, the central thrust of the Scriptures which tell us about the renewal of all things in Christ.

Rev. A. Kuyvenhoven in an article in *The Banner* of March 17, 1972, sums it all up when he says: "This book is bad because it changes the whole focus of the Bible. God, who spoke in the Old Testament to the fathers by prophets and seers and who has in these last days spoken to us in His Son, is not allowed to say anything to us through the Son. The appearance of Jesus Christ in the flesh serves no other purpose, in this book, than to prove that the prophets are reliable foretellers of the future.

The author, who prides himself on being a literalist, does not literally believe that all authority has now been given to Christ and that Jesus is Lord today. If he believes this most ancient Christian confession, it has no influence whatever on his Bible reading. It is probably not intentional, yet oddly consistent with his narrow outlook, that the writer closes his book with an exhortation for the readers to reach (not the world but) "our family, our friends and our acquaintances with the gospel" (p. 188). "Getting saved is a matter of getting off before the ship sinks."

It is clear, then, that this is a truncated gospel. Besides, Lindsey presents us in this book with bad exegesis and bad interpretation. And that makes his book a bad book. And can then the movie be any better? For that reason: Forget it; don't go and see it!

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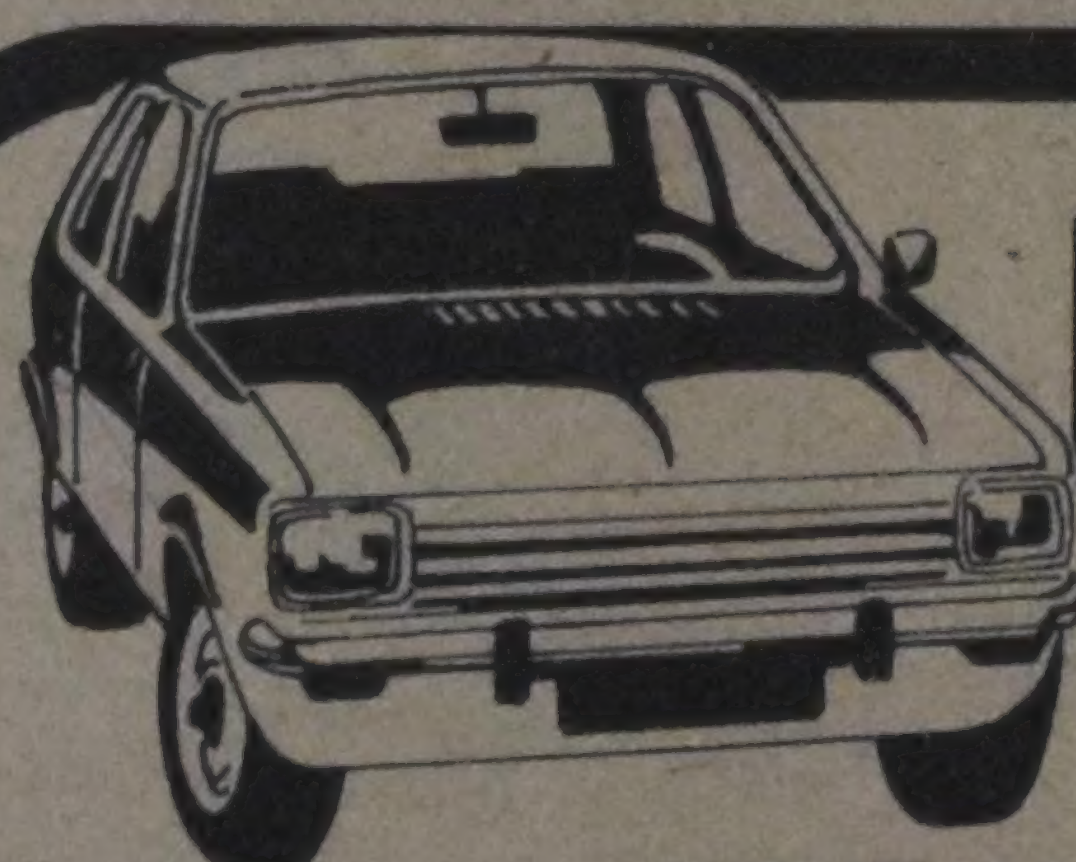
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Good and urgent news from Central America

by Jack Quartel

Rev. Quartel is pastor of the Ottawa [Calvin] Christian Reformed Church.

We recently visited Mexico. Not as tourists, we felt, because we visited very few places where the tourists usually go. We met the people, deep in the interior. As far as I know that is only possible when you are part of a tour, organized by the World (Canadian) Home Bible League.

Rev. C. Schemper, former missionary to Mexico, now Latin American director for the World Home Bible League, was our director. To us he seemed omniscient and everywhere present. There were a thousand details to attend to but absolutely nothing went wrong.

Now we wish that everyone could go. We did see a few tourist sights. But those are almost forgotten. What stands out in our memory and what we talk about is what no tourist ever sees; the people we met, the missionaries and their work. It touched us and changed us. Everyone of us felt that it was worth every penny and more. And though the tour lasted only 9 days, traveling included, there were so many impressions and experiences that this was more than enough. Let me tell you about some of the people we will long remember.

Francisco

Francisco is a young pastor of a young struggling church on the outskirts of Cuernavaca. This city is famous all over the world, because its climate is eternal Spring. And the flowers on the trees and in the gardens are gorgeous. It attracts many famous and rich people from all over the world. We drove right past all that wealth to a section of the poor among the poor. That is where the church was. The street was so broken up that the bus could not make it all the way. We had to walk a distance.

Francisco must work at least part time to provide for his family, because his congregation cannot support him. The pastor, like all of his congregation, is a recent convert.

It was with Francisco and his congregation that we had a service on Sunday morning. It was not at all what we are used to. We shared in English and Spanish, while Rev. Schemper translated for us. Francisco shared with us a dream. He would very much like to begin a new mission among people even needier than his own. But there was no way for him to get the neces-

sary money, about 12,000 pesos or \$600. So we had an offering for his church among the 46 of us. The total of the offering was \$675 or 13,000 pesos. That was something to be thankful for. But also something to think about. What Francisco could not hope to save for a long time, if ever, we whipped out of our pockets in five minutes, and we never even felt the difference.

CRWRC

Loren Buursma represents the relief work of the Christian Reformed Church in Tlacolula in the state of Oaxaca. He shares with the missionaries what they call "The Institute". Part of that building is used by Loren to teach the farmers how to raise pigs, rabbits and chickens. He travels and helps farmers to fight diseases. Of course he not only must show them that his methods are superior, but he also comes in the name of Jesus Christ. He is always on trial. It is important for him to succeed, never to fail. Therefore prayer is an important part of his work. Before he will castrate a goat for instance he will ask a farmer first to kneel with him in prayer.

Loren took us to Carlos, who manages the experimental farm, a demonstration to farmers around. Carlos became a christian no more than a year ago. We only needed to ask him what Jesus meant for him, to release a flood of words in Spanish, a glowing testimony to his Lord.

Loren took us to Pedro, the honey maker. Also a christian for only a year. We asked him the same question. And he quietly told us how afraid he had been to die. But now that he was a christian that fear was gone.

Loren took us to Juan Baptiste, the baker. He had prepared a sumptuous meal for us. That was quite an honour and a great expense for him. The meal, however, did not at all smell like mother's cooking. Our stomachs did not take to it too kindly. But how could you refuse. Their eyes were on us, and we had to smile as we ate. The Lord blessed us and nothing went wrong. We saw him bake in his mudbrick dome. Newly improved with a gas burner, with CRWRC help. Juan insisted on baking a cake for each of us.

While that was in the oven we went to the potter and saw him miraculously form pots in a matter of two minutes out of a lump of clay. He offered us all the pots we wanted for a peso (5 cents) a piece. We helped ourselves to some sou-

venirs, and naturally gave him a bit more.

That was a full day, and we were glad to get to our hotel to sort it all out.

World missions

Dr. Hans Weerstra and Nick Kroeze are the missionaries, and they work closely with Loren. It was marvelous to see these men together, representing two boards, in such harmony, one supplementing the other. The missionaries share one half of the institute. And when farmers come for training, they also go for bible study.

A part of the institute is a home made studio. That is where they record scripture on players. These players are delivered to people who cannot read. This way they can hear the Bible. It warmed our heart to hear and feel the enthusiasm of the missionaries. The hopes and expectations they have. They are certain that the Lord is about to do great things for the country of Mexico.

MAF

Missionary Aviation Fellowship is a special kind of outreach, that plays a significant role in today's missionary world. These little planes (they seat only 3 or 4 passengers) with their very capable pilots fly missionaries everywhere at cost price. They bring a missionary to his village in 2 hours, which he otherwise could only reach in two days along difficult mountain trails.

Or vice versa, he may be able to fly out a sick missionary to a doctor or hospital in a matter of hours where otherwise there was no way of getting help. There is no estimating what these heroes of the skies have meant for mission work. We flew in one of these small, one engine planes. You fly through the mountains, not over them. When you look down you see every little village, all the trails going along the ridges. At one time we looked to our left, and there right next to us was a bus, parked along a road high up in the mountains. Our flight was unforgettable.

Wycliffe

Our pilot flew us deep into the steaming jungle, to a village with no road leading into it. It only had a short, narrow airstrip. It was the village of translator Bob Mugele. When we left the plane we were met by a gulf of streaming jungle heat. To reach the village we had to walk a kilometer over a couple of ridges. The trail was barely a foot wide. Slippery with water and muddy in many

places. Coffee trees lined it on either side. A tangerine tree marked the start. It was not easy going in the suffocating heat, some of us could barely make it. But we kept remembering that all supplies flown in, such as canned food and books and other materials had to be carried in on the back of the missionary over this trail.

Bob's house was in no way different from the other houses. It consisted of two rooms, with mud floors and a grass roof. Very few conveniences. The translator does nothing but that: translate, teach the people to read and answer any questions they may have. Upon reading the Scriptures they themselves decided to begin a church, to elect officebearers. They do the preaching. The translator and his family sit in church. These people are not very rich. When crops have failed they are reduced to one meal a day. Yet they insist on supporting their translator, for that is what the Bible tells them.

We strolled through the village. Stopped at the river where people are baptized. There was not much for tourist eyes to be seen. But there was ever so much for the eyes of brothers and sisters in the faith. It was the most moving experience of our trip. It was impossible to speak with them. They did not even understand Spanish. But somehow we did understand one another. A finger pointing upwards to the place where we will meet again then without a language barrier said more than many a sermon.

We were in a way glad to leave the uncomfortable heart of the village. But we did not leave without a deep sense of gratitude for what God is doing through humble servants. We thought of people who sometimes complain of lack of social life in our towns and villages. We could not help but think of what there was for this missionary family. Yet they would be indignant if we even mentioned it to them. For they find satisfaction in the love and fellowship of simple Indian christians. Though, of course they must get out from time to time. They fly out at least once every half year.

Gerry

In the town of Mitla is a translation center. There are a number of cubicles there to which translators can come with their helpers to work on the tedious and painstaking job of translation, away from the village. We stopped at several of them to talk with the translators. At lunch time we went over to the apartments of the translators and each couple had lunch with a translator couple. My wife and I were invited to Jane and Don Nellis. With us at the table was Gerry, Gerardo in Spanish. He was Don's able, intelligent helper. A young man of 18.

Don told us his story. He had been born with a club foot. Since he had little feeling in the foot, it had become infected and finally gangrenous. It had to be amputated. In the hospital, that was a year ago, he found the Lord. Now he was serving the translator for nothing, though Don insisted on giving him some spending money. They were praying for money, at least \$500 to buy an artificial foot.

The next morning at breakfast a lady that belonged to our group came to me with two cheques of \$500 each, and asked me to spend them on the field. Immediately we thought of Gerry. It so happened that we were to go to Mitla again that morning. We asked to stop at the translation center and found Don and Gerry. We told them of the cheque we were bringing them. It was pure joy to see their utter astonishment. Both cried out that it was a miracle, they were near tears for gratitude. Right there and then we held hands and prayed together. Gerry first. It was in Spanish. We did not understand it. But we felt his deep gratitude, and we felt also how intimate this one year old christian was with his Lord.

Communism

Our missionaries told us how serious the situation is in Mexico today. Ninety percent of all education is in communist hands. Can you imagine, that almost all students, future leaders, graduating, are com-

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News from Central America

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munist, atheists? The week we were there, 20 Chol Indian Christians were murdered by communists. Mexico must be won for Christ in the next few years, or it will be won for Marx. The missionaries are hopeful, but they need our prayers.

How heartwarming it was to hear that in contrast to Mexico many other countries are begging the World Home Bible League to provide New Testaments to place in the hands of each student. Not to have, not just to read, but to study. Just think of the challenge, of the possibilities. Guatemala has asked, Bolivia, Brazil, and other countries will follow. That will take millions and millions of testaments. And they want them, now. They need them, now. Tomorrow may be too late.

We met Mr. William Ackerman, director of the World Home Bible League. He had just returned from Brazil. The minister of education, a Jewess, had asked for a million New Testaments for students in the schools. They are being sent right now. So they planned a service for the dedication of this project. Well how many would we get in Canada, or the USA? In Brazil, 50,000 came to that service. I suppose that is an indication of the interest there is in the gospel in that country.

It is blessed to give

I already told you about the offering of \$675 for Francisco. The cheque of \$500 for Gerry. Believe it or not, but I had three more cheques of \$500. They did not come from rich people. One had been given me by a lady in my congregation before I left, to spend as I saw fit. The other three, including the one for Gerry came from a widow who was also part of the tour. Two hundred dollars went to Missionary Aviation Fellowship for their great work. Three hundred dollars went to Dr. Weerstra to buy players for villages so they can hear the gospel. And \$500 went to another struggling pastor who needed bibles for evangelism but had no money. Now he could receive a great supply. And another \$500 went to pay for printing the translation of a New Testament, so they could be placed in the hands of the people.

We left something of our heart in Mexico. We learned what mission work really is, not only in Mexico, but all over the world. We will never be able to forget this. We will never be the same again.

These experiences brought us as group very close together. It was a marvelous, spiritual experience.

The last day we were in Oaxaca, we invited all the missionaries we had contacted. Each couple sponsored a missionary couple and took them for dinner. What a great time we had talking to these people. Many of us would like to go back there. To see, to share, to help, to rejoice, to pray, to fight right along with our frontier men and women.

We certainly wish all of you could share this too. You can if you wish. The World (Canadian) Home Bible League is planning to sponsor another tour in the Spring. If you wish to be part of it, let us hear from you.

by Rev. Ralph Heynen

PASTORAL COUNSELLING

In the first epistle of John we read, "God is Love." This is probably the most brief definition of the nature of God which one can find anywhere. Without a doubt it is the center of the Christian faith. We think in terms of God's love for us and our love for God. He loved us first but the Christian religion always implies the fact of being loved and to love. When we think about the love of God we naturally call to mind a number of passages of scripture such as "God so loved the world," or a song "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," or "Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go." But can we really believe this? Without a doubt the greatest obstacle standing in the way of our believing in a loving God is the fact of human suffering.

We hear almost everyday of tragedies and accidents. A plane goes down and over 500 people are burned to a crisp. We see automobile accidents almost every day on our highways. We read of deaths that take place and lives that are snuffed out; somebody's wife or sister, father or son. It's always tragedy! I'm sure that within the heart of a person there comes the question, "Can this be the world in which a God of love rules?" "How can a God of love permit these things?" So often when you talk with people, particularly in moments of tragedy, sorrow, or pain, there's the question, "Is this an expression of the love of God?"

"Why does a loving God permit this?" There are many people in the world who answer this question rather simply. They turn it around and they say, "If there is a God of love, these things wouldn't happen," and as a result they use it as a convenient alibi for unbelief. They simply say, "Things happen by chance," but a God of love,

Love and Suffering

the consequences. I think this is true of many, many people who when they go through suffering they have to come to the conclusion it's because of the fact that we have not observed the laws of God, of health, traffic laws, or moral laws which God has placed within us. This is true of individuals but this is also true of our generation.

A great deal of the mental and emotional illness you see in the lives of people could well have been prevented if parents had been more alert when their children were young, or if children didn't have to go through some of the tragedies and sufferings that you see in so many homes today. We must not think in terms only of God as being a complacent grandfather who just closes his eyes to whatever men do and we say, "well, let bygones be bygones and after all it's God's business to forgive." Too many people think of God that way. We push a button and we expect God to run and help us and to keep us from difficulty and to overcome life's tragedies. This idea of God as a servant of ours or somebody that we can call on like one of our machines that we use is not the God that we think of, He's a God of love.

But now if God is a loving God why then does He allow these things to happen? I think there are answers to this question even though you cannot generalize. Each one must in his own heart find an answer as to why God sends difficulties and trials and suffering into his life. All of us who have children know that these children will never grow up into mature persons unless we give them a chance to make choices, to make decisions. Now, we know they may often make the wrong choice or the wrong decision, but we take that risk because we want them to grow up. That's God's way of working.

God doesn't push us around like men on a chess board, but He has given us minds to think and hearts to feel. He gives us the ability to make choices and He allows us to make choices — real choices. You see this in people like Moses, Florence Nightingale, Albert Schweitzer, or the life of Christ or the apostles, for example. But because of this power of choice you also see a Judas or a Jezebel, a Hitler, or a Mussolini. That's the price that we pay for freedom, the freedom that God gives us in His love. I'm sure that we wouldn't like to be the kind of person who had no choices at all in life. We want to make choices, but we often make the wrong ones.

But then there's another answer, I believe, when we look at all of these things. What is our highest destiny here on earth? What is our highest goal of living? Is it just to live comfortably and complacently and easy? Some people find that there is no higher purpose in life than just to live comfortably here. Then you cannot understand the tragedy of suffering if that is your viewpoint. No, when God controls and He controls it well, He so leads and so guides that there are also sufferings and tragedies in life. When you say, "How can a loving God do this to me?" the answer always comes back, "You're asking the wrong question. The question is this, 'Do I really believe in a loving God. Can I really take hold of His love, because if I do then somehow or other through all of the mist of tragedy, I will still see His love.'"

This is the beauty of God's relationship with His people. When we reach that point in life when we face life's tragedies, we can still look up and say, "I know that God is love, my God loves me." Then we're not going to ask, "Why?" but we are going to say, "What's His goal, what's His purpose?" and we fall in line with his purpose.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life is not all roses. There are also thorns that we pluck. It is wonderful that life is that way because this enables us to grow and to become stronger and more vibrant persons. Through life's pains and sufferings we learn to see His love in a greater and more wonderful way.

no, they can't accept this. But if you believe in a God of love or if you believe in God at all, one who has absolute power, you have to come to the conclusion that God is love and this love is revealed also through the tragedies of life.

There are insights in our Christian faith which come like arrows in the dark, little glimpses of light that the Bible gives us. Ultimately the Bible doesn't satisfy our curiosity, but it does give certain answers. One of this is that much of the evil and suffering that falls into the lives of men is of their own making. It's not God's doing, it's their own doing. There are those who suffer because of the sins that they have committed. There are those who recklessly throw themselves into danger. The plain fact is that if you stand on a lofty perch and you jump down, you're going to break your neck. Then it's not the fact that you can say, "How can a loving God allow this," the laws of gravity are there. We have to learn that this whole thing is something which is consistent with God's law and consistent with God's love. For God has written moral laws into the universe and mankind has had opportunity to learn them and to act according to them.

When we break these laws we're going to suffer

Getuigen van Christus

Ieder Christen behoort een zendeling te zijn. De Heer Jezus zei: Gelijk Gij, Vader, Mij in de wereld gezonden hebt, heb Ik ook hen in de wereld gezonden. We zijn dus gezonden. Wij, dat zijn degenen voor wie de Heer Jezus bidt: "Heilige Vader, Ik bid voor hen die Gij Mij gegeven hebt, omdat zij de Uwen zijn." Nu, u kunt dat betrekken op de twaalf discipelen. De Heiland zegt ook: "geen uit hen is ten verdere gegaan dan de zoon des verderfs, opdat de Schrift vervuld worde." Maar later zegt de Heiland: "En niet voor dezen slechts vraag Ik, maar ook voor hen, die door hun woord in Mij geloven ... opdat de wereld gelove dat Gij Mij gezonden hebt." Zo wordt ieder gelovige een gezondene. En het vraagteken achter de vraag: elk Christen een zendeling? moet beslist in een uitroep worden veranderd.

De Heiland spreekt ook over zijn discipelen als "getuigen". Gij zult Mijn getuigen zijn. Eerst wil ik opmerken dat er kracht en moed voor nodig is om getuige van Christus te zijn. Hoe kunnen die eerste discipelen getuigen zijn van Christus? Ze waren zo zwak geweest. Ze hadden de Heiland allen in de steek gelaten. Ze hadden gemerkt dat een uit hen Jezus verraden had, en toen de Heiland daarop zinspeelde, vroegen ze verbijsterd: ben ik het Heer? Een van hen had Hem verloochend, en wat een verdriet had hij gehad. Ze waren zo zwak geweest, en zo ontrouw. Hoe zouden ze ooit de taak kunnen volbrengen om getuigen van Christus te zijn. De Heer Jezus wist dat wel, en daarom zegt Hij: "Gij zult kracht ontvangen van de Heilige Geest. Hij zal op u komen, en gij zult getuigen van Mij zijn, te Jeruzalem, in geheel Judea en Samaria en tot het einde der aarde."

Heel vaak wordt 'getuigen' gebruikt in het kerkelijk, of liever, christelijk spraakgebruik als een spreken van een gelovige over de geestelijke ervaring die hij of zij heeft ondervonden. En er zijn ook in onze tijd telkens gelovigen die een 'testimony', een getuigenis geven. Zij vertellen dan wat God hen deed ondervinden. En als dit getuigenis, dit testimony in nederigheid wordt gebracht zal ieder christen zich daarover verheugen. God laat ons nl. heel wat ondervinden als we geloven in de volkomen verzoening van onze zonden, die we als een wedergeborene van God uit genade ontvangen. Maar, ... dat soort getuigen wordt niet bedoeld als de Heer Jezus tot Zijn discipelen zegt: Gij zult Mijn getuigen zijn. Groshede zegt er van: "Het hier bedoelde getuigen, dat we in het eerste deel van Handelingen meer aantreffen, is volkomen objectief bedoeld. Christus had de apostelen uitgekozen en onderricht, de Heilige Geest geeft hun kracht. Zo kunnen zij spreken, prediken wat zij gehoord en gezien hebben, getuigen, zoals een getuige het voor de rechtbank doet." De Heer Jezus zegt dan ook nog waar dat getuigenis moet klinken. Als de discipelen praten over de opgevallen plaats door de dood van Judas, dan zoeken ze naar een opvolger onder degenen "die één met ons getuige is geworden van de opstanding van Christus." Dat laatste, die opstanding, staat vooral in het middelpunt. De opstanding is de victorie van Jezus Christus. En daar moet het in het getuigen vooral over gaan.

U hebt misschien wel eens een rechtszitting bijgewoond. Misschien bent u wel eens opgeroepen als getuige. U weet dat u dan op een gegeven moment door de rechter wordt gevraagd om uw plaats in te nemen in de "witnessbox", de getuigenbank. U zult dan een eed moeten afleggen, met uw hand op de bijbel, dat u echt de waarheid zult vertellen, "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth". En dan wordt u van alles gevraagd, en u moet op die vragen rechtstreeks antwoorden. U mag niet een heel verhaal afsteken. U bent in de getuigenbank, u mag, als u wilt, gaan staan, en dan moet u niets anders zeggen dan de waarheid. En hoe korter u het formuleert hoe beter. Als u dat wel eens bij de hand hebt gehad dan weet u dat het nog niet zo gemakkelijk is om echt "te getuigen". Als u de waarheid gezegd hebt mag u weer gaan zitten, op uw eigen plaats.

Zoiets is nu ook het getuigen dat de Heer Jezus vraagt van Zijn discipelen. Opstaan en wat zeggen over de Heer Jezus! En dan is er een wereld van gedachten. Je weet soms haast niet waar je mee beginnen moet. De Heiland zegt: Het zal u in dat uur gegeven worden! Er werd op de Amsterdamse tram erg gevloekt. Een oud vrouwtje stond midden tussen de vloekende mannen. Ineens zei ze met stemverheffing: Geloofd zij Jezus Christus! Tot het eindpunt van de tramroute was er niemand meer die een mond opendeed. Dat was "getuigen", iets groots van de Heer Jezus zeggen.

J. Van Harmelen

PERSOVERZICHT

door Carl D. Tuyl

•De resultaten van het meest recente publiek opinie onderzoek aangaande voorkeur voor politieke partijen in Canada werden met veel fanfare in de pers bekend gemaakt. De Conservatieve partij verkreeg in dit onderzoek een even groot aantal stemmen als de Liberalen. Er waren onmiddellijk spekulaties omtrent een uitstel van eventuele verkiezingen.

•Canada plaatste een order van 67 miljoen dollar voor de bouw van communicatie satellieten bij Hughes Co. in California.

•De verdwijning tussen Carter en Menachem Begin blijft voort duren. Begin bezocht Washington met het doel de voorgestelde verkoop van F.15 straaljagers aan Saudi-Arabie te verhinderen. Deze verkoop, zo redeneert Begin, zou de nationale veiligheid van Israël ten eerste bedreigen. Een Washington korrespondent spekuleerde dat Carter heimelijk wenst dat het Congres geen goedkeuring voor de verkoop zal geven. Frankrijk vist alreeds in deze troebele wateren met een aanbod aan Saudi-Arabie voor de verkoop van haar Mirage straaljagers. Tijdens zijn bezoek aan Amerika sprak Begin tot de Joodse gemeenschap in Chicago. In zijn toespraak zei de Israëlische premier dat zijn regering nooit de vestiging van een Palestijnse vrijstaat ten Westen van de Jordaan zou dulden.

•De bekende Amerikaanse Senator Goldwater bekritiseerde president Carter van nalatigheid ten opzichte van een duidelijke politiek in Afrika waar, zoals Goldwater zei, Rusland en Cuba nu de overmacht hebben.

•In Rome demonstreerden duizenden arbeiders tegen eventuele onderhandelingen met de Rode Brigade. De gijzeling van Aldo Moro duurt nu al bijna twee maanden.

De Socialistische Partij heeft voorgesteld om tenminste een aantal terroristen uit de gevangenis te ontslaan in ruil voor Moro's vrijheid. De Christelijk Democratiese Partij wil eerst de ontheffing van Moro's gijzeling zien. De familie van Moro beschuldigt de regering van een onverzoonlijk standpunt hetgeen in hun opinie Moro's leven onnodig in gevaar brengt.

•Het is nu duidelijk dat de revolutie in Afghanistan geleid werd door kommunistiese groeperingen. Men schat het aantal slachtoffers van deze revolutie op tenminste 10.000.

•Er waren vuurgevechten tussen de troepen van de Verenigde Naties en Arabiese guerrilla strijders in Libanon. Tenminste vier militairen van de V.N. sneuvelden.

•In West Virginia begaven de stijgers van een toren in aanbouw het. In deze ramp verloren 51 personen het leven. Totdat de oorzaak van dit gebeuren is bepaald heeft men het werk aan 3 dergelijke projecten gestaakt.

•Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev bezocht West Duitsland. Alhoewel het doel van zijn bezoek is de versterking van economiese betrekking met West Duitsland, vermeldt de pers meer aangaande de blijkbaar kommervolle gezondheid van de Russiese president.

•Japan en Amerika onderhandelen weer over de import en export tussen deze twee landen. Japan importeert meer naar Amerika dan Amerika exporteert naar Japan. Het verschil bedraagt 14 biljoen dollars. De onderhandelingen hebben als doel dit verschil te verkleinen.

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"Zou hier een vishandel kunnen ontstaan?" vraagt Mietje verbaasd, "nee, dat kan ik niet geloven, dat zal Amsterdam nooit toestaan. De stad is al zo bang, dat Kennemerland de handel gaat beheersen, nee, dat kan ik nauwelijks geloven."

Het zijn prettige gesprekken op de lange wandeling, die de weg korten. Het oude kerkgebouw in Bloemendaal, waar de naam van De Genestet nog in het kleurige glasraam prijkt, is een punt in het leven van de Vermeulens geworden, dat ze niet graag willen missen. Hier wordt een kerkdienst gegeven en genoten door samenhang, door een open blik in de Bijbel, door een tekstuitleg, die de mens opnieuw gelukkig maakt en versterkt omdat ze weten: emmanuel: God met ons. Hoe moeilijk het leven kan zijn: aan Gods veilige hand voortgaan is hun enige wens en hoe kan het dan verkeerd gaan?

12 De winter valt dit jaar vroeg in: een schrale oostenwind strijkt over de vlakke Breesaap en doet de handen van de grondwerkers verstijven. Op de Heide flintert rook uit de gaten in het dak van de keten en hollen; er is een zorg bijgekomen, want er moet turf zijn en hout om te stoken. Alfred Franklin staat in zijn winkel vol kruidenierswaren en alles, wat men in deze streek nodig zou kunnen hebben. Zijn voornaamste klan-

ten zijn de Engelsen, want zij kunnen elkaar verstaan; bovendien zijn de landgenoten in betere jobs werkzaam en Alfred heeft liever met hen te doen dan met de ruwe arbeidersgarde. Zijn winkel staat ten noorden van de kanaalgraverij, hij heeft geen spijt Engeland verlaten te hebben voor een tiental jaren, want hier verdient hij goed.

Soms komt meester Vermeulen in zijn winkel met de juffrouw; hij vindt haar een "fine lady" en begrijpt niet, hoe de meester deze voorname vrouw temidden van het afval der maatschappij wil laten leven. Zijn winkel is een praathuis geworden en Alfred heeft daartegen geen bezwaar, want praters worden vaak kopers, als je het handig aanlegt.

Natuurlijk vinden veel polderjongens hun weg naar de winkel: bij hier en gunder, zo'n vreemde eend in de bijt en zij zullen niet naar binnen gaan? Peren van een mud kan die krentenweger krijgen. Voorts spreken ze hun moers taal en als Alfred hen niet kan verstaan, krast hij maar op naar zijn eigen land. Alfred is echter plenter genoeg en spreekt behoorlijk Nederlands en bovendien verstaat hij de aparte taal van de Heide.

"'k Het geen monnie," zegt de Natte op een Zaterdagavond, de winkel binnenstappend en stevig pruimend, "maar ik mot wel tabak hebbe."

"Heb je nu alle money al bij de

kroegbaas gebracht?" vraagt Alfred geamuseerd, "well, daar kan de schoorsteen bij jou en bij mij niet van roken en jij kunt zelf ook niet roken."

De Natte loert met een duistere blik naar de winkelier; moet je die gladgeschoren Engelse aap es zien; offie thuis is. Hij buigt zich over de toonbank heen. "Hoor es fader, of hoe dat zel heten in jullie apetaal, de baas het weer es geen cente uitbetaald, dat doetie Maandag zegtie en ik zeg tegen hem, ik zeg: as je dat nou nog es flikt, dan gooiën we 't werk neer en graaf jij zelf je kanaal maar en nou mot ik tabak hebbe, anders sla ik je hele negosie an diggele."

Alfred ziet zijn klant wel hiervoor aan; vlug bedenkt hij wat te doen. Het is waar en de reden begrijpt hij niet, maar het zal om de grootste winst gaan: de arbeiders worden niet altijd op tijd uitbetaald en er wordt hevig bekibeld op de lonen. Maar als hij gaat borgen en de winter valt in met ijs, als alles stil komt te liggen, kan hij ook zijn rekeningen niet betalen met het borgen. Waarom betaalt de maatschappij alleen als er gewerkt wordt? Kunnen de arbeiders er iets aan doen dat het gaat vriezen? Het zijn toch geen winterslaapdieren, die tijdens de kou in slaap vallen en met het lentezonnetje wakker worden met een stevige honger?

De deur gaat open, Malle Eipie glipt binnen, gevolgd door Toon de Lijs. De

Natte richt zich op, ziet hen met brede lach aan. "Ook geen cente gehad, he, en nou wil deze roetetoeter geen tabak geve, wat zalle we doen?"

"Op z'n bek slaan," raadt Malle Eipie.

Toon de Lijs heeft zelf al een greep gedaan in de zakjes tabak, deelt uit.

Haastig kiest Alfred de wijste partij en schrijft in zijn pofboek op, wat de klanten meenemen. In hem dringt de gedachte los, dat hij naar dit geld zal kunnen fluiten en als de winter streng wordt...Wacht: een idee. Die meester Vermeulen zit midden in die troep, als het te bar wordt met poffen zal hij die meester aan z'n jaspanden trekken.

"Malle Eipie het wel cente," zeurt Toon de Lijs, "as jij nou es voor ons betaalt, he?"

"Ik cente?" stuift Malle Eipie op, "hoe zal ik an cente komme?"

Toon de Lijs haalt hoorbaar snuivend zijn neus op; dan grinnikt hij: "Heb jouw Mooie Nel geen klandizie meer?" Voor Malle Eipie kan antwoorden naar zijn eigen gevoelens, draait de deur weer open: de Paardekop stapt binnen, loopt recht op Alfred aan. "Een pond suiker."

"Voor de jenever," grinnikt Toon de Lijs weer, wat de Paardekop doet opmerken: "Ik weet niet of je 't door het met je glaze oog, maar dat benne mijn zaken."

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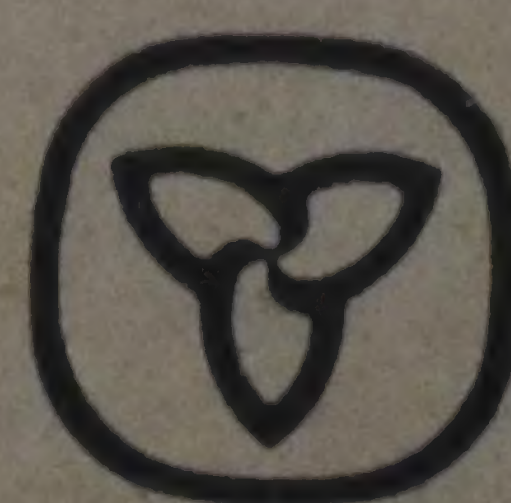
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Pinksterfeest : Het einde van de spraakverwarring

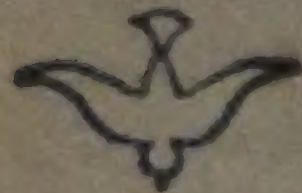
Genesis 11:1 "De gehele aarde nu was één van taal en één van spraak."

Genesis 11:4 "...laten wij ons een stad bouwen met een toren, waarvan de top tot de hemel reikt, en laten wij ons een naam maken..."

Genesis 11:9 "Daarom noemt men haar Babel — wirwar — omdat de Here daar de taal der gehele aarde verward heeft en de Here hen vandaar over de gehele aarde verstrooid heeft."

Hand. 2:4 "Nu waren er Joden te Jeruzalem woonachtig, vrome mannen uit alle volken onder de hemel..."

Hand. 2:9-11 "Parthen, Meden, Elamieten, inwoners van Mesopotamië, Judea en Capadocië, Pontus en Asia, Phrygië en Pamphylië, Egypte en de streken van Libye bij Cyrene, en hier verblijvende Romeinen, zowel Joden als Jodengenoten, Cretenzers en Arabieren, wij horen hen in onze eigen taal van de grote daden Gods spreken."



door J. Faber, overgenomen uit het Gereformeerd weekblad 17 mei 1977.

Het startpunt van deze meditatie is de verwondering over een bepaalde zinswending bij Lucas. De rest is een poging om die woorden in de bijbelse verbanden te verstaan.

Lucas schrijft, in het geweldige Pinksterbericht van Handelingen 2, over de mensen die rond de met de Heilige Geest vervulde gemeente te hoop lopen. Het zijn Joden uit alle volken onder de hemel. Overdreven? Men kan de overdrijving afzwakken op allerlei manieren. Men kan haar ook laten staan en, getroffen door het vreemde, overwegen of Lucas ons hierin niet iets zeer bepaalds te zeggen heeft. Het staat er dan toch maar! "... Uit alle volken onder de hemel". Zij horen in de veelheid van de talen allen hetzelfde, omdat de Geest-gevulde getuigen allen hetzelfde spreken. Zij horen de grote daden Gods! De magnalia Dei! Wordt hier niet principieel het einde van de spraakverwarring afgekondigd?

Spraakverwarring is niet, dat de mensen verschillende talen spreken, maar dat zij niet meer in staat zijn *hetzelfde* te zeggen. Wat ons in Genesis 11 wordt gezegd is niet de verklaring van Frans, Duits en Engels. Spraakverwarring wordt niet met Kramers' woordenboeken verholpen.

Spraakverwarring is een oordeel van God, waardoor de taal van de hele aarde verward is: zodat zelfs mensen die allen Nederlands spreken, elkaar niet meer verstaan.

In Genesis 11:1-9 wordt samengevat, wat over de volkeren op aarde na de grote vloed te zeggen valt. Het is een mensheid in de verstrooiing geworden (diaspora), met een verwarde taal.

Er ligt een grote weemoed over deze tekst. Want het gaat hier over "de verwekkingen van de zonen van Noach" (Gen. 10:32). Dit is een mensenvolk, wiens leven door de

grote vloed heen is bewaard. Zij mogen leven op aarde onder de hemel, na het goddelijk gericht! Maar zij begrijpen niet, wat het wil zeggen, te mogen leven in de ruimte van Gods geduld, onder een boog van trouw.

Hoe kon het zover komen? Ze hebben in het vlakke Tweestromenland een stad gebouwd, en er moest een toren komen tot aan de hemel. Hier is de eerste steen gelegd van het geestelijke rijk van Babel, in de profeten tot aan de Openbaring toe de grote tegenstad van Jeruzalem. Men zegt, dat het trots was. Maar het begon niet met trots: het was ruimtevrees. Zij hadden een opdracht en een zegen meegekregen. Zij mochten zich verspreiden over een aarde, waar de zon van Gods geduld de laatste tranen van de zondvloed droogde. Zij hoefden elkaar niet kwijt te raken op de wijde wereld. Er hoefde geen verwijdering te komen. Ze waren één van taal en één van spraak. Ze zouden overal op de aarde, die des Heren is, de Naam mogen aanroepen.

Maar zij vreesden, dat zij dan tenslotte nergens meer zouden zijn. Vandaar die stad. Vandaar die toren. "De Naam des Heren is een sterke toren; de rechtvaardige lijft daarheen en is onaantastbaar" (Spreuken 18:10). Maar zij zelden: laten wij ons een naam maken.

Uit deze contreien is Abraham geroepen. Genesis 12 volgt niet voor niets op Genesis 11. Wat voor taal is dit geweest dat hij het hoorde en in beweging kwam! Er gaat een mens op weg naar een andere stad, waarvan God de ontwerper en bouwmeester is (Hebr. 11:10). Deze mens en de zijnen zeggen niet: laten wij ons een naam maken. Zij horen, dat God Abrahams naam groot zal maken. Zij hoeven geen toren te bouwen, want de Naam des Heren is een sterke toren, en wie daarheen vlucht, is onaantastbaar.

Maar wat, als de Naam wordt misverstaan, als de geheimen vanzelfsprekend

worden geacht? Dan komt er ook een oordeel over Abrahams geslacht. Dan moet Israël terug naar Babel. Dan begint ook voor dit volk de diaspora. "Jude sein heiszt im 'Golus' (= in ballingschap) sein," schrijft Franz Rosenzweig. Uit grote verten begint de weg naar Sion. En in die verten kwam het grote lijden, de pogroms en de kampen, omdat de volkeren in de ogen van Abrahams kinderen de ruimte zagen, die hen radeeloos maakt. Groter nog dan de toren is hun angst, en daarom mogen er geen Joden zijn.

De taal van God — daarvan getuigen Wet en Profeten. De taal van God — dat is Jezus Christus. Het Evangelie leert ons, hoe Hij de verzoeking weerstond, zichzelf een naam te maken. In een wereld, waar niemand de engte van het Ego wil ruilen voor de ruimte van het Rijk, hoorde Hij de stem en ging naar de plaats die God Hem wees. Het Evangelie zegt, dat Hij daar gekruisigd is. Dat is het diepe raadsel van de geschiedenis: Hij is niet in Babel, maar in Jeruzalem gekruisigd.

Pinksteren is een taalwonder: het is de vertaling naar de mensen toe van Kerst, en Goede Vrijdag, en Pasen, en Hemelvaart. "De grote daden Gods," waarvan deze getuigen spreken, is het verhaal van Jezus Christus. Alle volken, ook Israël, zijn in de diaspora terecht gekomen. Maar Jezus heeft het oordeel van God in die verstrooiing in Zijn eigen hart gesloten. In de ruimte zonder God, in de verwarring zonder Naam, is Hij voor ons gestorven.

De mensen die deze Pinksterpreek hoorden, zegt Lucas, kwamen *uit alle volken onder de hemel*. Nee, dit staat er niet zo maar. Dit proclameert het einde van de spraakverwarring.

Als de grote daden Gods in Jezus Christus worden verkondigd, zullen wij — enkelingen en volken — weer *hetzelfde* zeggen, al scheiden ons talen en culturen. Wie weet, dat de ruimte om ons heen de ruimte van Gods liefde is, overwint de vrees om de voet te zetten op Gods Weg. En de Geest, zegt de apostel, komt onze zwakheid te hulp.

Hoe komt het dat christenen op concrete punten zo bitter van mening verschillen? De weg van de Heer gaat dwars door de knelpunten van onze tijd: wij kunnen dan niet meer alle kanten op met arbeid en inkomen, techniek en milieu, dood en leven. Het kan toch niet, dat christenen in kwesties waarin het Evangelie van het Koninkrijk *bevrijdend concreet* wordt het fundamenteel oneens zijn? Of heeft Lucas zich vergist, toen hij het Pinksterfeest met zoveel woorden het einde van de spraakverwarring noemde?

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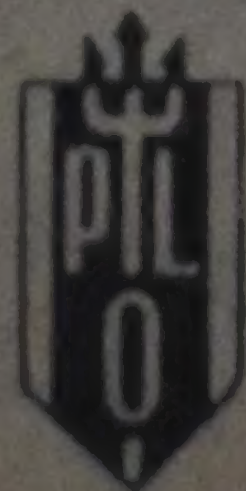
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Ndabezinhle Musa

In het nieuws hebben we gehoord over talrijke Afrikaanse landen, zoals Oeganda, Mozambique en Ethiopië, waar regeringen zijn overgegaan in linkse handen en waar christenen worden vervolgd. Maar er is ook het goede nieuws dat dagelijks honderden Christus vinden.

De geest is aan het werk in Afrika, ook in het leven van Ndabezinhle Musa, volgens "Kruistochten", een zen-

dingstijdschrift, waarvan Anne Vander Bijl, alias Brother Andrew, redacteur is. Hier volgt een artikel dat hij schreef voor "Kruistochten".

"Mijn eerste naam, Ndabezinhle, betekent 'Goed Nieuws'. Maar ik moet zeggen, dat ik 'slecht nieuws' was voor veel mensen. Soms betekende deze naam zelfs de dood. Ik haatte de blanken, de Kerk, Jezus Christus. Ik haatte ook mijn vader, die een methodisten-predikant was.

Ik had maar één gedachte: het christendom uitroeien en daarvoor in de plaats een Utopia, een land van vrede, welvaart en geluk bouwen. Zo werd ik een toegewijd marxist. Men stuurde mij naar Tsjechoslowakije om een training te krijgen in het communistische atheïsme en om de kneepjes van het terrorisme te leren. Steeds dichterbij kwam ik bij mijn doel. En toen ik na vier jaar weer terugkwam in Rhodesië was mijn diepste wens, de blanken uit heel Afrika te gooien. Ik sloot mij aan bij een vakbond en vanzelfsprekend bij een vakbond die op de beste wijze stakingen op touw zette.

Maar toen ik bemerkte dat

dit weinig hielp bij het ondermijnen van de economie, zocht ik naar andere middelen om mijn doel te bereiken. Ik begon jonge mannen te instrueren om Molotovcocktails te maken en deze naar de huizen te gooien van hen, die tegen onze zaak waren. Ook rekruteerde ik mensen van de universiteiten en colleges om een terroristische opleiding te volgen in andere landen. Relletjes in de stadscentra organiseren behoorde eveneens tot mijn werkzaamheden.

Als resultaat van dat alles werden vele onschuldigen vermoord en veel jonge kerels verspeelden hun kansen om een betere opleiding te volgen.

Op een avond in mei zouden we naar een christelijke bijeenkomst gaan om d.m.v. moord en doodslag een grote rel te organiseren. Ik zette mijn mannen te midden van de toehoorders. Zij waren klaar om op mijn signaal in actie te komen, maar ik wachtte nog op het meest geschikte moment. Ik zat daar en luisterde aandachtig, terwijl ik het gesprokene analyseerde en vergeleek met mijn marxistische ideologie.

De spreker was Dennis

Clark uit Engeland. Op een gegeven moment citeerde hij Openbaring 21:8. Het trof mij als een donderslag bij heldere hemel.

'Maar de lathartigen, de ongelovigen, de verfoeilijken, de moordenaars, de hoereers, de tovenaars, de afgodendienaars, en alle leugenaars-hun deel is in de poel, die brandt van vuur en zwavel: dit is de tweede dood.'

Dit Bijbelvers raakte mij van mijn hoofd tot aan mijn voeten en liet niets van mij over. Ik bleef hierover doordenken tot de bijeenkomst was afgelopen. Nooit gaf ik mijn vrienden het afgesproken teken om in actie te komen. Zij waren zeer verward toen ik hen liet inrukken en ikzelf zo snel mogelijk naar huis ging. Daar pakte ik mijn Bijbel en sloeg de tekst uit Openbaring 21 op. Nadat ik de tekst enkele malen gelezen had, viel ik op mijn knieën en onder bittere tranen beledigde ik mijn zonden.

De volgende morgen kwamen mijn vrienden voor nieuwe orders, maar ik verontschuldigde mij gedurende twee dagen om voor hen te kunnen bidden.

In die tijd daagde de Heer mij uit om vastberaden te zijn

en de waarheid te vertellen aan de mensen die ik zo lang had misleid. Ik ging van de ene kerk naar de andere en vroeg gelegenheid om van mijn nieuwe leven te getuigen. Zo zocht ik ook diverse mensen thuis op om vergeving te vragen voor wat ik hen had aangedaan. Voor de gemeenten beledigde ik mijn zonden.

Mijn vroegere vrienden waren niet langer verbaasd over mij, maar begonnen mij nu te haten. De communisten hebben een prijs op mijn hoofd gezet, maar ik sta onder de bescherming van Jezus Christus en ga openlijk rond.

Ik mag nu de Boodschap brengen op plaatsen waar anderen niet kunnen komen, waar de taal van marteling, moord, verkrachting, roof en verminking van onschuldige mensen heerst. In die gebieden bid ik met de bedroefden, treur ik met hen die treuren en lijd ik met hen die lijden, opdat ik hen mag brengen onder de reddende genade van onze Heer. Ik bid dat zij tot volledige overgave aan de wil en de leiding van Jezus Christus zullen komen. Hij is in hun trieste omstandigheden het enige antwoord."

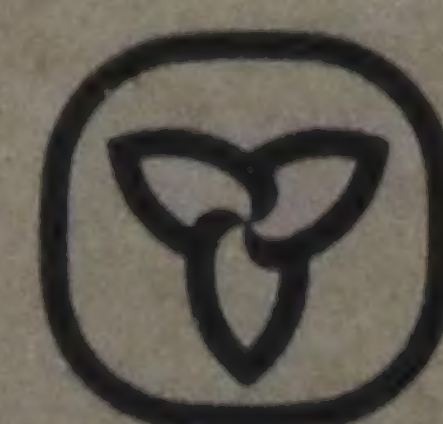
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Notes of Thanks

BRULSEMA: We like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who made our 50th Wedding Anniversary such a beautiful day. Thanks for the beautiful flowers, the gifts and the many cards. We also wish to thank our Heavenly Father for all His blessings in the years past. Mr. & Mrs. Th. Bruulsema, R.R. #2 Carluke Road, Ancaster, Ont.

KARSTEN: Mr. & Mrs. P. Karsten, Drayton, Ont. die door Gods goedheid op 28 Apr. hun 50 jarig huwelijk mochten gedenken, betuigen langs deze weg hun hartelijke dank aan kinderen, kleinkinderen fam. vrienden en bekenden voor de vele wensen en kaarten die zij bij het bereiken van deze mijlpaal mochten ontvangen.

VANDER MAAS: We would like to express our sincerest thanks to our children, grandchildren, relatives and friends for making our 50th Anniversary such a blessed day to remember. Also thanks for the flowers, cards, letters and gifts. Above all we thank God for His blessings in the years past, and pray for His blessings in the years to come. Mr. & Mrs. J. Vander Maas, Edmonton, Alberta.

Births

DYKSTRA: We've received a beautiful gift from the Lord, — a daughter, **LYNDA ANN**, born April 25, 1978. A sister for Jayne. Proud and thankful parents, Alfred & Margaret Dykstra, R.R. #4, Clinton, Ontario, N0M 1L0
"Children are a heritage of the Lord." Psalm 127:3

HOGETERP: Ben and Jeanette (nee Stegenga) are grateful to the Lord for entrusting to their care their first born, a son, **BRADLEY SCOTT**, born on April 14, 1978. Second grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. R. Stegenga, Jarvis, and fifth grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. G. Hogeterp, Jarvis.
R.R. #5, Simcoe, Ont. N3Y 4K4.

RIEWALD: Stanley and Anna Riewald (nee Vander Wier) thank God the Giver of Life for the birth of their child, a daughter, **HEATHER GERDA** born April 26, 1978, weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. A little sister for Helena Shirley. Heather is the 25th grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. U. Vander Wier (Smithville), 2nd grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. G. Riewald (Hagersville), 2nd great grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. A. Nauta (St. Catharines), 2nd great-great-grandchild for Mrs. S. Hoogatein (Tzum Fr.)
R.R. #3, Hagersville, Ont. N0A 1H0.

STROBOSSCHER: The Lord has again richly blessed us by making everything well and therefore it is with great joy and thanksgiving to him that we announce the birth of our 5th child, a son, who received the name of his grandfather and great-grandfather, **PETER JOHN**. With much love we welcomed him into our family on April 27, 1978. He is a new son for Marc & Dorothy Stroboscher, a little brother for Rick, Chris, Duane, and Marcella and 18th grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. Peter VanMarum.
R.R. #1 Jarvis, Ontario.

Births

VAN STAALDUINEN: Ray and Dianne announce with much joy and gratitude to the Lord, that He has blessed our family with a healthy new son, whom we have named, **JONATHAN RAINIER**. He arrived on April 19, 1978 weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. Robbie, Allan and Michelle are the proud brothers and sister. He is the 10th grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. John Van Stalduinen of Stoney Creek, Ont. and the 9th grandchild for Mrs. F. Kamps of Woodstock, Ont.
5236 Woodhaven Dr., Burlington, Ont.

WAMSTEEKER: Clarence and Alma (nee Struiksmas) give thanks to the Lord for the safe arrival of their daughter, **JESSICA LYNN**, born April 29, 1978, weighing 9 lbs. 7 oz. A little sister for Rebecca Lee. Third grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Wamsteeker, Grimsby, Ont. and 2nd grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. K. Struiksmas, Ancaster, Ont. R.R. #7, Brantford, Ontario.

WIND: Praise the Lord for the birth of **ANDREW FREDERICK** on March 7, 1978; a brother for Heather Lynne and Tricia and another child for Fred and Joanne (nee Flim), Whitby, Ont. Opa and Pake & Beppe are joyful too.

Marriages

DEJONG-BAKKER: Mr. & Mrs. G. De Jong of Toronto and Mr. & Mrs. J. Bakker of Wingham, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, **ANNE MARIA** and **BRYAN**. The ceremony will take place, D.V., May 13, 1978 at 3 p.m. at the First Chr. Ref. Church, Toronto, Ont. (Taunton Rd.). Rev. C.D. Tuyl officiating.

DYKSTRA-VAN DE POL: Mr. & Mrs. William Dykstra are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter **GERALDINE** to **JOHN VAN DE POL**, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Van de Pol. The ceremony will take place D.V. May 20, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. at the Christian Reformed Church of Clarkson, Rev. Henry Lunshof officiating. Future address: 195 Kennedy Rd. South, Apt. 704, Brampton, Ont.

HARBERS-TIBBEN: Mr. & Mrs. W. Harbers and Mr. & Mrs. R. Tibben Sr. are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, **WILMA** and **BILL** on Saturday, May 20, 1978 at 2:00 p.m. D.V. at the Christian Reformed Church, Williamsburg, Ontario. Rev. L. Schalkwyk officiating. "As the sun starts a new day so our Love begins a new Life". Future address: R.R. #2, Brinston, Ont.

LANE-VANDER BYL: Mr. & Mrs. A. Lane and Mr. & Mrs. W. Vander Byl are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, **SHARON ELIZABETH** and **EDWARD WILLIAM**. The wedding will take place D.V. Saturday, May 20, 1978 in the Emmanuel United Church of Bailieboro, Ont., at 3 p.m. Rev. Dorch officiating. Future address: Bailieboro, Ont.

LANGENDOEN-DYKSTRA: With thanks to God, Mr. & Mrs. John Langendoen of Fordwich, Ont. and Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Dykstra of Niagara on the Lake wish to announce the marriage of their children, **LINDA** and **PETER**. Ceremony took place on the 12th of May, 1978 at 7 p.m. in the First CRC of Kitchener. Rev. Kooistra officiated. Future address: 37 Princess St. E., Waterloo, Ont. N2J 2H6.

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Marriages

MEYERING-ZIETSMAS: Mr. & Mrs. Henk Meyering are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter **GRACE** to **MELVIN**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Allen Zietsma of Mt. Bridges. The wedding ceremony will take place D.V. May 26, 1978 at 7 p.m. in the East Chr. Ref. Church of Strathroy. Rev. P. Kranenburg and Rev. G. Bomhof officiating. Future address: R.R. #2, Mt. Bridges.

RIEPMA-VANSTEMPVOORT: With joy Mr. & Mrs. Harry Riepma of R.R. #1, Thamesville, Ont. announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **ALICE** to **MR. RANDY VANSTEMPVOORT**, son of Rev. & Mrs. J. VanStempvoort of Leota, Minnesota. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 3, 1978 at 4 p.m. in the Dresden Christian Reformed Church. Rev. J. VanStempvoort officiating.

VANDER PLOEG-NAWROCKY: Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Vander Ploeg of Brampton, Ont. are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **JACQUELINE ANNETTE** to **JOHN MICHAEL**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Nawrocky of Hamilton, Ont. The wedding will take place, D.V. Saturday, May 20, 1978 at 4 p.m. in the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church of Brampton. Rev. Morris Greidanus and Rev. John Klomps officiating.

WOUDSTRA-RIETVELD: Mr. & Mrs. John Woudstra, of Edmonton, are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **MARGARET** to **JIM RIETVELD**, son of Mrs. B. Rietveld and the late Mr. L. Rietveld. The wedding ceremony will take place, D.V., on Saturday, June 17, 1978 at 2:30 p.m., in the Maranatha Christian Reformed Church of Edmonton. Rev. H. Salomons officiating. Their future address is R.R. #3, Sherwood Park, Alberta, T8A 3K3.

Anniversaries

1933 1978
Workum 'Fr.' Simcoe, Ont.
Uw goedertierenheid, Here, zij over ons, gelijk wij op U hopen. Ps. 33:22
With thanks to God, we congratulate our dear parents and grandparents,

EDJER A. BOKMA
SJOUKJE BOKMA-nee Ottema
on their 45th Wedding Anniversary. It is our prayer that God will bless them in the years to come.
Joke & Sipke de Schifff; Ben, Simone, Rick, Jerome, Janice—Strathroy
Pat & Bill Kinkel; Charmaine, Nicolaas—Simcoe
John & Alice Bokma; Sherry-Lee, Sylvie-Lynn, Sonya—Port Dover
We hope to have an Open House in the Fellowship Hall of the Jarvis C.R.C. to celebrate this happy occasion on May 18, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Best wishes only please.
R.R. #4, Simcoe, Ont. May 17.

1933 1978
On May 11, 1978, we celebrated with our parents:
YPE and VIOLET DE VRIES
(Van Slooten)

their 45th Wedding Anniversary. We pray God will bless them in their future years together. Their thankful children and grandchildren,
Clarence & Evelyn; Earl, Richard, Ken, John, Doug, Flory—California, U.S.A.
Peter & Trudy; Natasha & Lynn—Duncan, B.C.
John & Jane Krozen—Kathy, Rosemary, Ian, Timmy, Aleida, Egbert, Calvin—Kentville, N.S.
Albert & Leni Wile; Greg, Albert—Kentville, N.S.
Keith & Diane; Jeffrey, Danny, Debbie, Karen—Kentville, N.S.
Allen & Hilda; Tony, Paul, Jason—Kentville, N.S.

Anniversaries

On May 18, 1978 D.V. we hope to celebrate with our parents and grandparents,
JAN WILLEM BONESCHANSKER and
ANTJE BONESCHANSKER
(Rendering)
their 45th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them and keep them in His care.

John & Carol Boneschansker; John William & June Kathleen (wife), Dorothy Carol and Robert Edward (husband), Annette Virginia, Catherine Elizabeth, Bruce Henry, Robert Augustus—Ethel, Ont.

Bob and Jean Boneschansker; Frances Silvia, Ann Louise—Newmarket, Ontario.
Gus & Rita Boneschansker—Columbus, Ohio

Steven & Ina Boneschansker; Teresa Margaret, Steven John William, Gregory Heye, Kimberly Anne—Ottawa, Ont.

Ralph & Hilda Dykstra; Jeffrey Allan, Ronald Marshall, Gerald Anthony, Brian Ralph, Angela Heika—Barrie, Ont.

Open house on Friday, May 19, at 8 o'clock in the Holland Marsh Senior Citizen Centre. R.R. #2 Newmarket, Ont.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, Whose trust is the Lord."
Jeremiah 17:7
With joy and thankfulness to the Lord, we congratulate our parents,
HENRY and PAULINE BRAAK
(nee Nieuwenhuis)

on their 25th anniversary, May 22, 1978. It is our prayer that God will continue to guide and bless them in the years to come. Their loving and thankful children:

Corry and Cindy
Betty
Sid and Debbie
Peter
Hermina
John
Home address: SS-1-2-59 Lethbridge, Alta. T1J 4B3.

1943 1978
Sneek Romans 7:15 Chatham
With thankfulness to the Lord we rejoice with our parents on the occasion of their 35th Wedding Anniversary on May 24, 1978.

PETER & MARGARET FOLKEMA
(nee Lok)

We pray that God may bless them for many more years. With love their thankful children and grandchildren,
Rita & John Horneman; Timmy, Lisa, Danny—Chatham
Mike & Willy Folkema; Shawn, Michelle—Montreal
Clare Folkema—London
Frank & Brenda Folkema—Thunder Bay
Sandy & David Daugharty—London
Open house will be held May 24, 1978 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Reformed Church from 8-10 p.m. Home address: 82 Eugenie St., Chatham, Ont.

1948 1978
Kommerzyl Chatham
Hebrews 6:19
Congratulations! Dad and Mom
MARTEN AND LEENTJE HORNEMAN
(nee Witterholt)

with your 30th Wedding Anniversary, May 19, 1978. We pray that God may give you much joy and happiness. Your thankful children and grandchildren,
John & Rita Horneman; Timmy, Lisa, Danny
Peter & Truus Horneman; Marco, Ian
Grace & Andy Blokzy; Natasha, Melissa, Amanda
Albert & Wendy Nydam (fiancee)
Open house will be celebrated May 19, 1978 in the Grace Christian Reformed Church from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Home address: R.R. #7, Chatham, Ont.

Anniversaries

With gratitude to God our Heavenly Father, we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing on May 19, 1978 the 40th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents and grandparents,

JACOB HALMA and
JANET HALMA-Beerda

We all wish them God's love and care in the years to come. Their grateful children and grandchildren,
Hinke & Henk Rop; John, Jack, Benita, Jeanette, Carol—Coaldale

Harry & Barbara Halma; Jack, Janelle, Norma, Andrea, Duane—Calgary

Bill & Dorothy Halma; Billy, Allen, Jeffrey—Lethbridge

Sid & Jerri Halma; Brian—Newton, U.S.A.

Florence & Jerry Sytsma; Douglas, Bruce, Kevin—Calgary

Thea & Richard Seibel—Wayne, U.S.A.

Gwen & Larry Bell—Calgary

Alice & Hessel Kielstra—Abbotsford

John & Louise Halma; Jennifer—Coaldale

Jerry Halma—Edmonton

Clarence Halma—Cranford

Annette Halma—Grand Rapids, U.S.A.

Cranford, Alberta T0K 0R0.

Op 1 Juni 1978 D.V. hopen wij met onze geliefde ouders en grootouders,

ARNOLD C. HOFTYZER
en
WILHELMINA J. HOFTYZER
(nee Teeuwssen)

hun 45 jarige echtvereniging te herdenken. Wij prijzen en danken God voor zijn blijvende liefde gedurende al deze jaren en bidden dat zij nog lang voor elkaar en ons gespaard mogen blijven. Hun dankbare kinderen en kleinkinderen. Open House op 1 Juni 1978 van 2-5 p.m. en 7-9 p.m. R.R. 1, Blackstock, Ont. Geen cadeaus.

Leimuiden Ardrossan
1948 1978
On May 25, 1978, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate with our parents and grandparents,

JACOB & CORNELIA HORSMAN
(nee Rietdijk)

the occasion of their 30th Wedding Anniversary. Their wedding text was: "Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God." Hebrews 13:15a
Their thankful children and grandchildren,

Corry
Hilda & Wayne Royer
Gerl & John Oort; Krista, David Beatrix & Dirk Kalf (fiancee)
Joanne
Chris
Box 21, Site 5, R.R. #2 Ardrossan, Alberta.

Sevenhuizen 1938 Cornwall 1978
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, Oh most High; to declare Thy steadfast love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night. Ps. 92
With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we hope to celebrate with our parents and grandparents,

KLAAS HUIZINGA
GEPKE HUIZINGA (nee Rosema)

the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 20, 1978, John & Annie Huizinga—Cornwall
Johannes & Hielkje Veenstra—Cornwall

John & Sylvia Kaldeway—Ottawa

Nick & Gerda Huizinga—Cornwall

Trudy Huizinga—Cornwall

16 grandchildren
Open house will be at 2-5 p.m. at our parents home, 14 Carner, Cornwall, Ont. K6K 1K3.

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Anniversaries

Sextierum London, Ont.
1933 Joshua 24:15b 1978
The Lord willing we hope to celebrate with our parents and grandparents.

DON (Douwe)
and

JUDY(Doet)HIBMA(nee Algera)
the occasion of their 45th Wedding Anniversary on the 20th of May 1978. We thank God for His love and guidance through these years and pray that He continues to bless them in the years to come. Their thankful children,

Gay & Mervin Datema; Robert, Judy, Giena, Donald, Wayne—Auburn, Ont.

Coble & William Hanenburg; Debora, Jeffrey, Catherine, Gregory—Innerkipp, Ont.

Richard & Wendy Hibma; Stephen, Robin—London, Ont.

John & MaryAnn Hibma; Kimmy, Kenny—London, Ont.

Sippe & Delia Hibma; Sharon, Tammy, Kevin, Erick—Lambeth, Ont.

Open house will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Health Club, 190 Cherry Hill Boulevard, side entrance. Best wishes only please.

On May 10th, the Lord willing we hope to celebrate the 55th Wedding Anniversary of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

ANNE KINGMA
and

JANTJE KINGMA-Willemsma

May the Lord continue to bless them and keep them in His care in the years to come. Their thankful children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren,

Arthur & Minnie Vandervliet and family—Dunnville

Izak & Bonnie Vangeest and fam.—Grimsby

Ralph & Liny Kingma and family—Dunnville

Sunset Homes #204, 2 White St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Andijk 1928 Hamilton 1978
Wednesday, June 14, 1978, our dear parents and grandparents,

WILLIAM
and

MARY KISTEMAKER
(nee Wagenaar)

hope to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, the Lord willing. "Be careful for nothing; but...with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Phil. 4:6
Sam & Jean Kistemaker—Jackson, Miss.

John Kistemaker—Toronto, Ont.

Henry & Evelyn Klok—Delta, B.C.

Open house is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 1978 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Calvin Christian School, 547 W. 5th Street, Hamilton, Ont. No gifts, please. Home address: 183 Emerald St. South, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 2V6.

1928 1978
On May 16, 1978 the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate with our parents, and grandparents,

JACOB LOOTSMA
and

AAFKE LOOTSMA
(nee Riemersma)

that they were united in marriage for 50 years. Ps. 116:12-14.

Jennie & Art Kamminga—Bowmanville, Ont.

John & Roelie Lootsma—Bowmanville, Ont.

Sally & Joe Feddema—Bradford, Ont.

Leo & Cora Lootsma—Oshawa, Ont.

Tjamkje Lootsma—Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Alice & Burt Dumaresq—Summerville, P.E.I.

Michael Lootsma & Barbara Rattigan—Bowmanville

and 19 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Reception on May 23 "The Acres". R.R. #4, Bowmanville, from 8-10 p.m. Best wishes only. Home address: 223 Liberty St. N., Bowmanville, L1C 2M6.

Anniversaries

Joure 1933

Stirling 1978

JOHN KLOMPMAKER

and

AFKE KLOMPMAKER

(nee Oosting)

On May 13, 1978 we celebrate with our parents their 45th Wedding Anniversary. We thank the Lord for His goodness, for keeping them in his constant care in the past and we pray that he will continue to be their guide in the years that they may still share together. Open house at church from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. Best wishes only.

Eward & Jenny Klompaker
Mrs. Joan Klompaker
Stewart & Ann Klompaker

Lambertus & Greta Klompaker

John & Lammie Kwantes

John & Betty Koomans

John & Anne-Marie Kompmaker

Toney & Rieta Klompaker

and 24 grandchildren.

1938-1978

On May 7th we celebrated the 40th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

TOM MIEDEMA

and

CORRIE MIEDEMA
(nee Havinga)

May the Lord of their past also bless and keep them in the future. Their thankful children,

Ken & Marie Miedema—Holland Marsh

Mary Ann and Ian Paterson—Hamilton

Thelma & Wayne Dale—Vancouver, B.C.

Jim & Annette—Hamilton

and 11 grandchildren

Holland Marsh, R.R. #2 Newmarket, Ont.

Wagenborgen, Gr. Woodstock, Ont.

1933 1978

With joy and thankfulness to the Lord we celebrated on May 11, 1978, the 45th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

WILLEM POORT

and

JANTJE POORT (nee Mossel)

Their wedding text was Exodus 33:14,15.

My presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest. And he said unto Him, If Thy presence go not with me carry us not up hence.

Richard & Alida Poort; Bill & Marg,

Jeanne, Nellie, Pauline—Woodstock

Peter & Sylvia Vanderlei; David, Bill—Harriston

Peter & Hannah Poort; Sandra, Linda, Donny—Ingersoll

Deak & Katie Poort; Angela, Allison, Danny—Ingersoll

Open house, Saturday, May 20, 7-9 p.m. in the Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Woodstock.

Home address: R.R. #6, Woodstock, Ont. N4S 7W1.

1928 1978

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.

With joy and gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we hope to celebrate, on May 18, the Lord willing, with our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

JAN and BOUKJE TRIEMSTRA
(nee Boorsma)

their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their grateful children,

Barbara & Ron VanderHeide—Fol-dens

John & Lemmy Triemstra—Parry Sound

Stanley & Eleanor Triemstra—Woodstock

Charles & Elsie Triemstra—Embro

Tilly & Henry VanScheep—Fol-dens

Betty & Hank Schut—Woodstock

32 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Open House, May 18, 7-10 p.m. at their home, 454 Norwich Ave., Woodstock, Ont.

N4S 3W5.

Anniversaries

Granum 1953

Calgary 1978

Let us love one another for love is of God (I John 4:7a).

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (I. Cor. 13:7).

We want to thank the Lord for the love He has given our parents:

ADRIAN (Pim)

and

WIETSKE (Wilma) STARING
(nee Wagenaar)

for Him and for each other, so that their marriage and life together has been blessed and we can rejoice on this special occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, May 31, 1978 D.V.

Thank-you Mom and Dad for everything! Our prayer is that our heavenly Father will continue to guide you and bless you in the years to come.

Alice & Ted Smedes

John

Audrey & fiance Fred Greenway

Ken

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to an Open house to be held at their place, 4316 33 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta, on June 3, 1978 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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1978

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With you and thankfulness to our Lord and Heavenly Father, we hope to celebrate on May 24, 1978 the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents and grandparents,

DIRK and MARIE VANDENBERG
(nee Buser)

We thank God for his love and guidance through these years and pray that He will continue to bless them in the years to come. Their thankful children,

Albert & Tilly Vandenberg—Maple Ridge

Rita & John Heida—Richmond

Hank & Ida Vandenberg—Richmond

Elly & Albert Beeksm—Delta

Mary & Harry Vanvugt—Langley

Dick & Winnie Vandenberg—Delta

Ray & Diena Vandenberg—Maple Ridge

Walter & Barb—Surrey

and 25 grandchildren.

Open house will be held D.V. May 26th, 1978 in the West Langley Community Hall, 9309-208th St. at 8 p.m. Home address: 19335-78th Ave., Surrey, B.C. V3S 4P1.

On May 18th, 1978, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the 40th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents and grandparents,

JACOB VANDENBERG

and

NEL VANDENBERG
(nee Vanleeuwen)

We thank our heavenly Father for His love and guidance through the past years, and pray that He will continue to bless them and keep them in His care.

Abe & Liz Vermeer; Randy, Allan, Michelle—Beamsville

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Rick & Anne Tigchelaar; David, Danny, Sharon, Janice, Jeffrey—Hannon

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Clarence & Nellie Sikma; Johnny, Lauri, Gregory—Lakefield

Peter & Lyn Vandenberg—Hamilton

Ron Vandenberg—Caister Centre

Neil & Mary Jane VanGeest; Kevin—Grimsby

Open house will be held on Friday, May 19, 1978 at the Gym of the John Knox Christian School, #8 Highway in Fruitland, from 8 p.m.

Best wishes only. Home address: R.R. #1, Caister Centre, Ont.

Anniversaries

Zaamalag

Zeeland

1933

Winnipeg

Manitoba

1933

May 18

1978

Palam 33:18

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love.

On May 18, 1978, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate with our parents and grandparents,

PIETER

and

MARGARET VANDER HOOFT
(nee De Bruyne)

their 45th Wedding Anniversary. That the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in the years to come, is the wish of their thankful children and grandchildren.

Open house will be held in the basement of the Winnipeg Christian Reformed Church, 621 College Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2W 1W3. Home address: 514 Marsden Street, Winnipeg, Man. R2K 2Z8.

Leeuwarden

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1938

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"For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

With gratefulness to God, from whom all blessings flow, we rejoice with our parents and grandparents,

JACOB VAN DER VEER

and

ANNA VAN DER VEER
(nee Heidinga)

on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary, May 20, 1978.

Ed & Hennie Vander Veer; Jack, Mary Ann, Michael—Montreal

Hennie & Jim Visser; Kevin, Annette—Brantford

Ruth & Marcel Dorey; Tanya, Caroline, Annette—Kincardine

Sadie & Hans Van Manen; David, Ricky, Sara, Robert—Oshawa

Tim & Melinda Vander Veer; Glenn, Rodney, Matthew—Cornwall

The Lord willing, we will be together as a family and friends on June 17, 1978, to celebrate this happy event.

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(Omvlee)

on your 45th Wedding Anniversary.

From your loving grandchildren,

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Ray Michael

Arnie Deron

Sharon Michael

Yvonne

Angela

Veronica

Jeffery

Paul

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JACOB SJOERDYPMA

and

TRIJNTJE YPMA (Brouwer)

hun 55 jarige huwelijk herdacht.

Psalm 136:1 — Looft den Heer, want Hij is goed; Looft Hem met een blij gemoed; Want zijn gunst alom verspreid; Zal bestaan in eeuwigheid.

Hun dankbare kinderen,

Ruth & John Muller—Thunder Bay

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Winnie & Allan Van der Leest—Norval, Ontario

Tina & Henry Prenger—Thunder Bay

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33 kleinkinderen, 2 achterkleinkinderen.

R.R. #5, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Obituaries

On April 3, 1978, the Lord took unto Himself our beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

ELIZABETH C.M. GROENEVELD
(de Man)

at the age of 70 years. We are thankful for what we received from the Lord through her as wife, mother and grandmother. Our comfort is that she now dwells in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)

Husband: John Groeneveld.

Children:

Penny & Jakob Kits—Surrey, B.C.

George & Marg Groeneveld—Penhold, Alta.

Floyd & Alice Groeneveld—Red Deer, Alta.

Jake & Renee Groeneveld—Maple Ridge, B.C.

Len & Tina Groeneveld—Maple Ridge, B.C.

and 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 6 at 2 p.m. from the Christian Reformed Church of Maple Ridge, the Rev. Homer Sampsonius and the Rev. Jakob Kits officiating. Home address: #318-12170-222 St., Maple Ridge, B.C.

We mourn in sympathy with Jake and Nel VanElswyk and their son Jim and with the bereaved family for their father, grandfather and husband,

W. HOOGENDOORN

who at the age of 76, after a lengthy illness died on April 30, 1978 in the Netherlands. May the God of grace grant comfort with the assurance of His promises in the resurrection of our Lord and renew our strength in the hope of His coming again in glory.

Congregation and Council
Waterloo Christian
Reformed Church

On Sunday, April 30, God took home after a lengthy illness, our dear father and grandfather,

WILLEM HOOGENDOORN

in Hazerswoude, the Netherlands.

Husband of the former Machelte Hassefras.

Father of

Nel en Jake Van Elswyk—St. Jacobs, Ont.

Joop en Marie Hoogendoorn—Fruitland, Ont.

Cornelis Hoogendoorn

Jan & Annie Hoogendoorn

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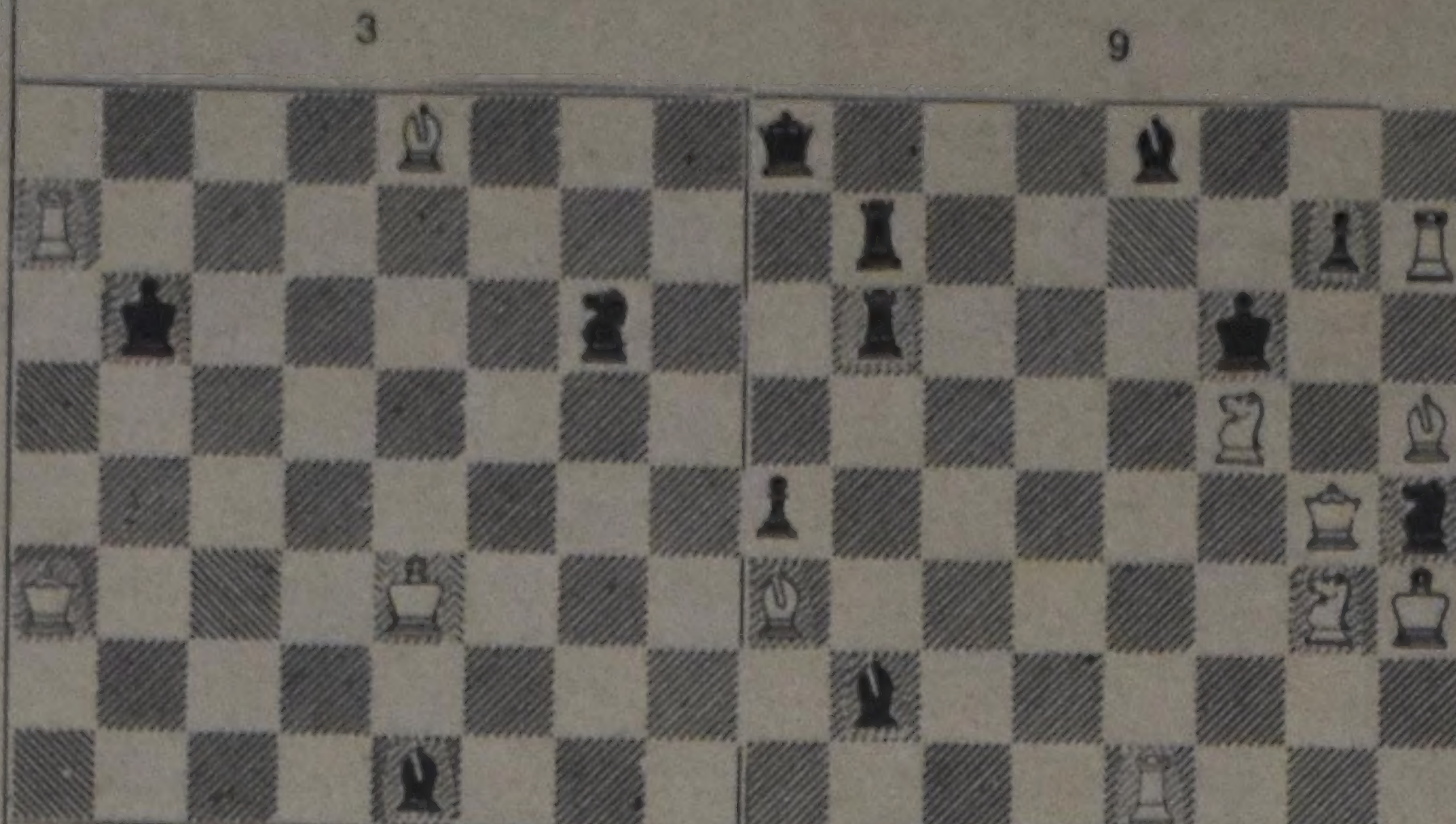
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And so also people should look at life insurance and be thankful their family has never needed the money from a death and instead had the father (or mother) living all those years. After all, the breadwinner is not a "money machine"! So, when you don't collect on a term life insurance policy, you can only be thankful.

Term insurance is the least expensive insurance. The reason is that it is calculated on the risk, and the field is more competitive. Here, too, however, it pays to shop around. Ask three or four agents to give you a price on the same policy. The premium can vary as much as 40% or 50%.

Many people are familiar with several kinds of term insurance. Your home, farm, or business mortgage may be life insured. You receive protection so that in case of your death, the mortgage is paid off by the insurance company. If you live, work, and pay off the mortgage, of course you have paid for the insurance without receiving any cash in return. But then, isn't that what was needed? Many other loans from banks, trust companies or credit unions are also life insured.

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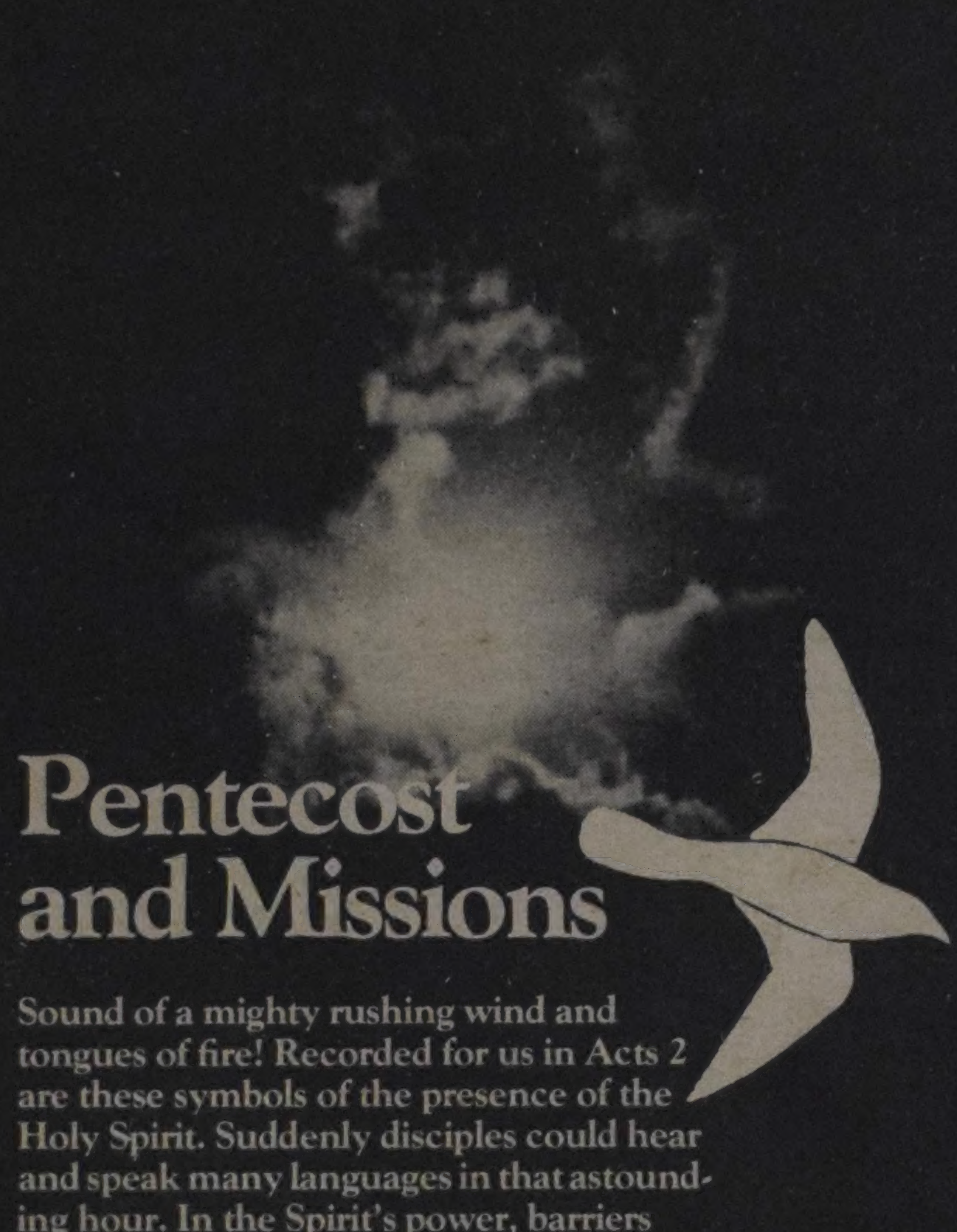


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- May 13 In Woodstock, at 8:15 p.m. at the central United Church, corner of Riddell and Adelaide St. with the male chorus, Collegium Musicum, directed by Mr. G. Hoekstra.
- June 10 In Guelph, at 8:15 p.m. at St. George Anglican Church with the male chorus Collegium Musicum directed by Mr. G. Hoekstra.
- May 20 Women's Action for the AACS annual meeting in Brampton (Second) CRC at 10 a.m. During the afternoon Rev. A. Geisterfer will speak on The Contemporary Woman.
- May 26 Annual meeting of Christian Counselling Services at Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto, 7 p.m., Dr. Donald Evans, professor of philosophy, University of Toronto, guest speaker. Pre-registration at \$5.
- May 31 25th anniversary of Daughters of Priscilla ladies society, Hamilton (First) CRC social evening, 7:30 p.m. Former members invited.
- June 3 25th anniversary of the Bethel Christian Reformed Church. 5 p.m. dinner and the social evening at 7:30 p.m.
- June 9 25th anniversary dinner of the Society for Christian Instruction in Drayton at the Moorefield Community Center at 7 p.m.
- June 10 25th anniversary and social evening of the Burlington Christian Reformed Church.
- June 11 25th anniversary service of the Burlington Chr. Ref. Church.
- June 14 Hollandse Dag, Moorefield Park at 10 a.m. Speaker: Dr. J.F. Hoekstra.
- Sept. 9 Annual Youth Evangelism Services (YES) conference, Brantford, Ont. CRC, 9 a.m. Registration forms available from YES office, 1008 Bathurst St., Toronto, M5R 3G7.
- October Dutch organist Klaas Jan Mulder will give concerts in Kitchener, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Toronto, Bowmanville, Ottawa, Chatham, and London, Ont.

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The Dutch Immigrant Society of Grand Rapids, Mich., provides the annual \$250 awards to upperclassmen that are immigrants or children of immigrants from the Netherlands.

John, a senior at Dordt, is majoring in social sciences and secondary education. He has been involved in meetings for public justice, a followup of the First International Christian Political Conference. He plans to return next year to continue his education in political science and eventually plans to teach.

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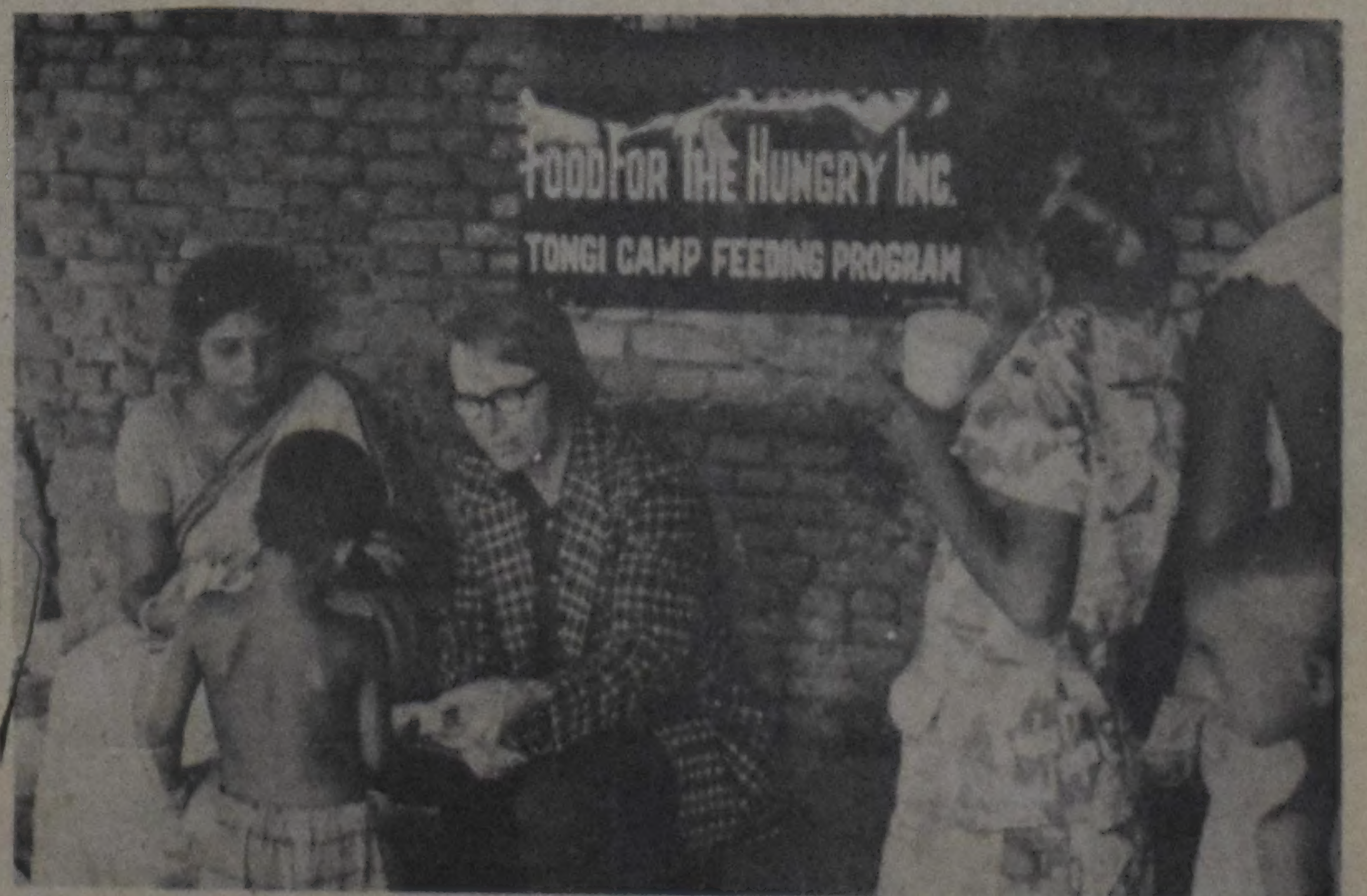
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